

Harvard Party to Discrimination Professor Says

By ROBERT L. GREEN

Jewish Post Correspondent

BOSTON—Harvard University has been a party to racial discrimination in the award of scholarships, Dr. Albert Sprague Coolidge of its chemistry department declared today at a state house hearing on several bills to outlaw employment discrimination for reasons of race, color or creed.

More than 400 persons heard the charge made in Gardner Auditorium, before the joint legislative committee on state administration.

One victim of race prejudice at Harvard was a Jew, Dr. Coolidge stated. He added "last year we had a student of outstanding scholarship. We were about to award our best scholarship to him when one of those present said: 'Hold on fellows we have a gentlemen's agreement with the donor of this scholarship and we cannot give it to this student'. 'We found ourselves in the humiliating position,' Dr. Coolidge said, 'of not being able to give our best scholarship to our best student. We knew perfectly well that students with names ending in 'berg' or 'stein' have to be skipped.'"

Churchill, FDR Know Partition Plan—Cairo

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

CAIRO—Leaders of Arab countries have agreed to establishment of a small Jewish State in Palestine about the size of Lebanon which is slightly more than one-third the size of present Palestine in the hope that this solution will be acceptable to Jews, it is reported here, in connection with the opening of the Pan-Arab Congress Saturday. This decision, coming so soon after the Churchill-Roosevelt talks with Ibn Saud and King Farouk are taken here to indicate that the British and American governments were informed of the plan.

Denver Paper Raises Subscription Price

DENVER, Colo.—The subscription price of the Intermountain Jewish News was raised this week from \$3.00 to \$4.00 a year. The publishers said the increase was due to higher production costs.

Almost Call Off Party for GI Joes Because of Anti-Semitism

By MEYER LEVIN

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

MAATRICHT, Holland—Several hundred American Jewish soldiers were entertained by the local Jewish community at a party here, although for a time it appeared as if it would be called off because of anti-Jewish agitation.

On the morning of the day on which the party was to be held two of the Jewish leaders called a meeting of the community council and advised that it not be held since it might furnish ammunition for the anti-Semites who could spread stories about "Jewish gaiety and riches" and "Jewish balls with orchestras," etc.

Their fears were a result of a concerted anti-Jewish campaign which has been waged by sections of the Maastricht press. Chief target of the attacks has been M. E. von Geldern, a Jew, who is secretary of Lieut.-Col. Schlierman,

chief of the Dutch government's military mission here. City Counsellor Schriemacher writing in the newspaper Veritas, a local daily, declared that he did not object to von Geldern personally, but to the presence of a Jew on the military staff. This was the second published attack on von Geldern.

The Jewish community council, which is headed by E. Wesley, voted to hold the party after hearing from J. Schleijen, a prominent Maastricht Jew, and Capt. Meyer Goldman, Jewish chaplain attached to the 29th TAC of the 9th Air Force. The affair went ahead on schedule and Jewish infantrymen, airmen, and other troops of all types filled the hall, danced with the few young women left here, chatted with the children, nibbled on cookies and had themselves a good time.



Did You See My Boy?

Returning from the Pacific where he toured the combat zones Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein called a meeting of the parents (and sweethearts) of the men he visited. Here he is in the middle of a crowd at the Manhattan Center where the meeting took place. Rabbi Bernstein is an official of the National Jewish Welfare Board.

ZIONIST OFFICIALS ASK RESTORATION OF RABBI SILVER TO LEADERSHIP

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NEW YORK—Thirty-six members of the administrative committee of the Zionist Organization of America, and a number of other active members of the organization in thirty states, have addressed a telegram to the American Zionist Emergency Council and to Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the ZOA, asking for the restoration to Zionist leadership of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver and for settlement of the dispute within the Zionist ranks in the United States, it was announced here today.

The telegram expressed the feeling of uneasiness prevailing among some Zionist leaders throughout the country in connection with the present political situation and asked for a "militant policy." "We are greatly disturbed over the remarks made by Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt with regard to Palestine; Zionists received these remarks with a feeling of great disappointment," the telegram said, emphasizing that the present rift in the American Zionist movement may spell danger for the entire Zionist cause.

MARION—The wedding of Betty Savesky and Robert Ganser will take place at 1 a. m., Sunday, March 18

Denver Asks UJA Be Reconstituted

Special

DENVER, Colo.—A demand that the United Jewish Appeal be reconstituted was made when the annual meeting of the Allied Council went on record as opposing the split between the JDC and the UJA.

3 Hungarian Officers Hanged; Killed 6,141

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LONDON—Three Hungarian officers charged with torturing and murdering Jewish forced laborers were hanged publicly this week after being convicted by the People's Tribunal in Budapest, the London Jewish Chronicle reports. They were the first of a group of Hungarian war criminals charged with murdering Jews.

The report says that heart-breaking scenes took place in Budapest when the bodies of 6,141 murdered Jews were disinterred from the ruins of the Hungarian capital and re-buried in accordance with Jewish ritual. The majority of these Jews were killed by the Gestapo and by members of the Hungarian pro-Nazi Arrow Cross Party.

Rabbi's Home Ruined, Set Afire; Clothing Is Ripped to Pieces

By FRED K. SHEKTOR

Jewish Post Correspondent

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Vandals broke into the home of Rabbi Morris S. Goodblatt, of Beth Am Israel in West Philadelphia, and laid havoc to the place before setting it afire.

Firemen managed to put the blaze under control and confine it to the one room—a front bedroom on the second floor—where the hoodlums had done the most damage.

Goebbels Castle Scene Of Purim Services

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

MUNCHEN - GLADBACH, Germany—Belated Purim services were held here in a castle belonging to Dr. Joseph Goebbels by front-line troops who were too busy fighting last week to pause for the traditional observances.

Capt. Manuel Pollakoff of Baltimore, a Jewish chaplain, carefully arranged the candles over a swastika-bedecked bookcase in Goebbels' main dining room. Pfc. Arnold Reich of Meadville, Pa. and Corp. Martin Willen of Baltimore assisted the chaplain.

The services were attended by a large crowd which filled the vast room. Jewish and non-Jewish soldiers were in the audience, and the Jews explained to their Christian comrades about Haman and why it was so fitting that Purim services should be held in a castle belonging to Goebbels.

Dr. Bernard Drachman Succumbs at 83

Special

NEW YORK—Dr. Bernard Drachman, 83, former president of the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America, died here Monday.

He was a rabbi of Congregation Ohab Zedek, in Newark, N. J. from 1885 to 1887, and rabbi of the Zichron Ephraim Congregation here from 1889 until his retirement in 1940, after celebrating his fiftieth anniversary.

Rabbi Drachman was a founder of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (1886), Professor of Biblical Exegesis and Hebrew Philosophy there from 1887 until 1902, and later Professor of Bible and Rabbinical Codes. In 1905 Dr. Drachman founded the Jewish Sabbath Alliance of America, and was its president for many years.

Mrs. Alma Levine

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Mrs. Alma Mendes Levine, 66, wife of Edmund J. Levine, former president of the old Fiberloid Corporation, died Tuesday. She was a daughter of the Rev. Dr. Frederick De Sola Mendes and Mrs. Mendes.

Mrs. Babette Mandel

CHICAGO—Mrs. Babette Mandel, widow of Emanuel Mandel, one of the founders of Mandel Brothers, department store firm in Chicago, died Monday.

Dr. George Barkan

BOSTON—Funeral services were held Monday for Dr. George Barkan, 55, assistant professor of bio-chemistry at Boston University School of Medicine. He had been doing research on sulfa drugs.

Mrs. Jennie Burnce

DORCHESTER, Mass.—Mrs. Jennie Burnce, 72, widow of the

The vandals rifled charity boxes, smashed eggs (taken from the rabbi's refrigerator) on the walls and furniture, slashed clothing into tatters, and then set the room afire after ripping all the pictures from the walls. All the furniture in the bedroom was destroyed by the fire.

Lt. Ervin C. Mock of the Fifth Detective Division said the hoodlums apparently piled the shredded clothing on the floor of the bedroom closet and set it afire.

The intruders apparently gained entrance, he said, by forcing the outside cellar door while Rabbi Goodblatt and his family were at the Congregation Emanu-El attending a nephew's Bar Mitzvah. Rabbi Goodblatt was officiating at the ceremonies.

An orthodox Jew, Rabbi Goodblatt was unable to view the damage until Saturday, the day after the fire, because he was unable to travel back from the home of Rabbi Maxwell Farber, of Emanu-El.

The Beth Am Israel synagogue was damaged by vandals several years ago.

late Michael Burnce died at her home here. Prominently identified with Jewish life in the Dorchester-Mattapan area, she was the mother of Dr. Frances Burnce, instructor at the Boston Teachers' College and a leader in Zionist affairs of New England.

Louis Beckerman

NEWTON, Mass.—Louis Beckerman, 61, founder and treasurer of the Enterprise Stores of New England died here at his home.

Hyman Horwitz

RICHMOND, Va.—Hyman Horwitz, 71, well-known Richmond merchant, died on March 8. Three of his seven sons are in the armed forces.

Rothenberg Asks Clarification From FDR

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK—Judge Morris Rottenberg (President of the Jewish National Fund, declared here that American Jewry expects of President Roosevelt "a clarification" as to what is to be the status and future of Palestine as a Jewish Homeland.

Speaking at a dinner held here under the auspices of the Zionist Organization of America, Judge Rothenberg said the President owed the explanation "in view of the public assurance" he gave "before he went to Yalta. He said the fact that Arab nations which have not lifted a finger to help the United Nations in the war have been coaxed to attend the San Francisco Conference while Jewish Palestine, which has made an outstanding contribution to the war effort, will not be represented, is 'causing widespread disillusionment.'"

I Think as I Please

By MRS. CARL ALPERT

A Critique of The Jewish Post

I see where Gabriel Cohen, editor of The Jewish Post, was in New York recently, and met with a number of rabbis and presumably other community leaders. The anonymous correspondent who warned him not to move the paper to New York lest he lose the independence which he now enjoys may have been too late with advice, for The Post already begins to display marked signs of the debility which affected other promising newspapers before this one.

Independence Not Neutralities

Independence, Mr. Cohen should be reminded, does not require the attitude of strict neutrality which he is more and more professing of late on controversial matters. Strict impartiality is not necessarily a sign of independence. Rather is it an indication of an inability or an unwillingness to make one's mind up. Insistence on compromise and on "understandings" likewise may betoken lack of strong will, or no adherence to fixed principles.

In the issue of The Post before me at the moment (March 2, 1945) there are two examples of the paper's apparently new policy of neutral objectivity.

One editorial pleads that the JDC and UPA should mediate their difference, for the sake of unity. The editor is oblivious of several elementary facts: (1) The national leaders of these two organizations could not agree on proportional distribution of the funds raised; (2) the split will afford each individual community, operating within its own local united campaign, opportunity to designate the percentage to go to each of the major beneficiaries; (3) announcement on Page One of the same issue, to the effect that the Tri-State UJA recommends a 50-50 distribution.

Retrayal of Palestine

It thus appears that the people in the provinces, those who given the funds, have ideas about its expenditure which do not agree with decisions made for them in New York. Under these circumstances, to expect the United Palestine Appeal to "compromise" with the JDC for anything less than parity, is to ask for a betrayal not only of Palestine, but also of the primary interests of the people in the field.

A second editorial commends the American Jewish Committee for its call to "all major U. S. Jewish organizations to meet together for the purpose of formulating demands for postwar Jewish rehabilitation." What chutzpah! The Committee withdrew from the American Jewish Conference, which was supposed to be just such a unified body, and now presumes to issue a call of its own. Instead of commendation, Mr. Cohen should have sounded a note of indignation, berating the Committee for policies which are detrimental to the interests of a unified American Jewry.

Objectivity Is Straddling

It is my belief that the readers of The Jewish Post, located from coast to coast, today look to Indianapolis and to this paper for objective reporting, for comprehensive and impartial coverage of the news, such as can be obtained nowhere else today, but that they do not want milk and water in the editorials. An editorial policy must be bold, vigorous, strong, and with definite commitments to principles and clearly stated stands on issues. Editorial objectivity is just another name for straddling.

I hope that dreams of metropolitan splendor will not change The Jewish Post from its erstwhile and promising role of the Emporia Gazette of Jewish journalism.

A Weekly Digest of

The Yiddish Press

By RABBI BENJAMIN SCHULTZ

Is Anti-Semitism Alarm Just Hukum?

IS THE alarm about "anti-Semitism in America" just so much hukum?

The Forward seems to be engaged in a subtle campaign to cry down any excitement. It has run many articles recently criticizing the concern of people in this respect. Now appears an editorial ostensibly praising Jewish participation in our armed forces. It mentions General Morris Rose, of Cologne fame. It cites Major Harold Cohen, active at Coblenz, and stresses the great number of Jews in American civil administration in Germany. But then it concludes: "When people fight together for the same ideals; and shed their blood, deep friendships are cemented. We are certain that this battlefield friendship between Jew and Christian, cannot ever be destroyed by anyone."

Its leading commentator, Hillel Rogoff, strikes a Star-Spangled note. "America is the best land for Jews," he declares. "Only in a democracy is such a thing possible. Anti-Semitism assumes terrible forms only where political freedom no longer exists. In this free land agitation

can be stopped through counter-attacks and counter-propaganda."

There is not a reader of The Post who will not ardently hope that all these statements are true. But, in all fairness, we should be reminded that The Forward has on several occasions criticized the Zionists for their concern with Jew-hatred. It has even asserted that Zionists feed on fear. Furthermore, it is presently interested in hampering American Zionism—because of its enmity to the UPA. When the UPA was divorced from the JDC, it ran a headline stating that "Zionists" were destroying the United Appeal. Its partnership towards the JDC stems from its alliance with the Jewish Labor Committee, which is anti-Zionist.

We have taken the reader on this political Jewish excursion, simply to show him the source of sentiments which, on first sight, seem highly and thrillingly optimistic.

Garment Trade Means Living For New York Jewry

Hundreds of thousands of New York Jews were thrown into excitement last week by an obscure OPA order. It meant their livelihood, to a great extent. The number of garments for

Jewish Education for Small Towns Planned

May Include Adults;

10-Point Program For Parents Given

Jewish Post Correspondent

PORTLAND, Ore.—A program for extending Jewish education into the outlying towns of Oregon, which now lack such facilities, is being planned by the Jewish Educational Association within the next year.

As outlined by H. I. Chernichowsky, principal of Portland Hebrew Schools, which are operated by the association with the assistance of community funds, the cities of Salem, Eugene and Astoria, each having between 15 and 50 families, would benefit.

What method will be used to put the plan into effect is still under consideration, but it is probable that some member in each community may be recruited to conduct the classes under a syllabus prepared by the Portland faculty, which would visit the outlying sectors periodically for instruction and supervision.

Might Include Adults

Mr. Chernichowsky, an earnest Russian-born scholar, also envisions the possibility of extension work for adults, in such subjects as history, political trends, Jewish customs and similar topics in the Jewish educational field. But he admits there are many handicaps to such work.

Mr. Chernichowsky was instructor in Hebrew for the Institute for Jewish Studies held in Portland for the first time this season, the only layman member of the four-man faculty. The institute attracted some 175 adults for a 10-week course in four subjects. Plans are under way now to enlarge next year's session of the institute, which is a joint project of the Jewish Educational Association and the Jewish Community Center.

"We are living in a time when our people have lost their sense of value in Jewish culture," the educator said in his 1945 report to his board of directors, a report in which he appealed for broader participation in Jewish education and for greater support for the work.

What Parents Can Do

A 10-point plan for parents who want to give positive support to their children's Jewish education

NEW HAMPSHIRE TO ORGANIZE STATE-WIDE JEWISH ASSOCIATION FOR COMMON ACTION

Jewish Post Correspondent

MANCHESTER, N. H.—Looking ahead to the post-war era, a program is under way to organize New Hampshire Jewry into a state wide organization in order to create mutual cultural, social, religious and communal benefits. Birth of the idea is taking place in Manchester, with its Jewish Community Center, as the focal point of the proposed organization.

received in the religious school is presented by Mr. Chernichowsky. He suggests:

"1. First of all the Jewish home must contain the traditional spirit of harmony, mutual respect and filial affection. Without these, all efforts of Jewish education must become distorted.

"2. The home must continue in a practical sense the teachings that are being propounded in the school. For that, the parents themselves must become familiar with the ethical concepts of the Bible and Hillel's Golden Rule: 'Don't do unto others that which you hate others to do unto you.'

"3. Children should be instructed by parents to avoid bad habits and negative character traits because they are forbidden by Jewish law.

"4. Goodness of life is the main theme of our Bible. Parents should encourage their children to practice the virtues of life. Truthfulness, honesty, love and charity, as well as co-operative spirit and willingness to work with others, could find practical applications in the children's daily life under the supervision of their parents.

"5. Jewish holidays and festivals should be respected in all Jewish homes even when the parents themselves are not very religious.

"6. Every Jewish home should have at least a small Jewish library.

"7. Current Jewish news, national and local, should be discussed by the family at home.

"8. There should be some Jewish music in every home.

"9. The work that our Chazalim do in Palestine should be discussed at home, even if the parents are not Zionists.

"10. Parents should check on their children's progress in the Jewish school and help them with their home work if possible."

In remarking that "the tendency in American Jewish life is

received in the religious school is presented by Mr. Chernichowsky. He suggests:

Father of the proposition is Louis Miller, president of the Manchester Center which is the only Jewish Community Center in the entire state. Mr. Miller believes that with the proper cooperation among the leaders of the various smaller Jewish communities throughout New Hampshire, there are many ways in which the Jewish Center in Manchester and its programs can stimulate and enrich Jewish life and communal activity on a state-wide basis."

According to Mr. Miller's plan there would be formed a New Hampshire State Council, similar to organizations which have been formed in recent years in the neighboring states of Maine and Vermont. Such organization would serve to unify the Jewish population in the entire area, so that on matters which may arise affecting them all as Jews, they would act with speed and effectiveness.

toward greater consolidation," Mr. Chernichowsky discusses the application of community funds toward Jewish education.

Communities Pay Rabbis

"The United Synagogues of America," he said, urge members of Conservative synagogues which do not have daily schools of their own to send their children to the communal daily schools.

"It may sound fantastic," he remarked, "but it is possible that in the future all the synagogues will be supported from our central fund. The rabbis would not have to promote the particular interest of his synagogue and would become a spiritual leader and teacher of the community as a whole."

In commenting on the state of adult education, the principal remarked that "Jewish knowledge in America is left for the rabbis as though our culture was created by rabbis for rabbis alone."

"green light" was given only to the Arabs, says the Journal's G. Bublick. We might have known it. Our own State Department is too close to Lord Halifax, himself an author of the infamous White Paper. Let us cry out storm, appeal! Bublick is confident that the America of Woodrow Wilson, of nobility, of respect for the Bible, still exists. The majority of Congressmen are with us. This real America will not abandon us, if we call upon it frankly and unhesitatingly.

The Jews are a nation. Let us acclaim that truth, S. Margoshes advocates in the Day. Otherwise our people, and their millions of slaughtered, will never be represented at any conference table. The Arab nation will. Strangers to the allied cause will. We will not. "We have been too amenable . . . so let us get up on our hind legs and kick up a row. A dozen or so of great demonstrations throughout the country with overflow meetings and marches and radio hookups might yet retrieve for us some of the mis-

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Want More and Vigorous Action

So the attack begins; and everywhere the present leadership is called on the carpet. The Press is as unitedly for Silver as it ever was. The famous

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Vigilante Crews Stop Attacks On Jewish Children in Yonkers

By RABBI BENJAMIN SCHULTZ

Several months ago, I noticed a marked tardiness, absence-record, and general seclusiveness in certain classes of our Religious School. It developed that many boys and girls were afraid to come, or to go home, alone. Gangs were assembling to molest them within a wide radius. Some "dead-end kid" would ask a group if they were Jewish. If they were, a mob would assault them, greater in number.

Physical harm was inflicted. Single children had their noses bloodied, their bicycles broken. One night the usual inscriptions were found on the Temple walls. Other synagogues had similar experiences. To add to the trouble, mothers feared to testify to what they had seen, lest there be a repetition of the assaults.

Certain immediate steps were taken. The police helped a little; but the outer symptoms were stopped by vigilante crews of fathers and boys, who patrolled several blocks before, during, and after religious school.

Hated Springfield Plan

But the situation obviously demanded drastic measures involving the roots of this evil. I innocently asked a school official whether he had heard of the Springfield Plan. "I never heard of it!" was the answer. From this, and other happenings, I learned that the mention of the "Springfield Plan" was a red flag to most school people. They hated the very sound of it, because they felt that the work of that one city had been over-publicized; and that other towns, including Yonkers, had done a great deal.

Repeated hints were given that we had a Yonkers Plan. This, upon investigation, turned out to be the usual celebration of Brotherhood Week, combined with plenty of leeway to each principal to do as he or she jolly well pleased. Some of these principals were sympathetic, a few were zealous about intercultural education; still others were smug and complacent; and one or two were racially prejudiced. The children were the victims; or beneficiaries, of the principals' attitudes.

Even after much agitation by some of us, I saw that nothing concrete was being accomplished. With the encouragement, therefore, of several friends, my wife and I called a conference of 25 leading citizens of Yonkers in our home. We made it purely personal and social. We were warned by some "experts" in community relations, that a Jew, and especially a rabbi, should never become a leader of this sort of thing. It was too "obvious."

But I felt differently. Many of these leaders knew me as "Ben," through my membership in the Rotary Club, and other fraternal work. They think of me primarily as an American. I saw no reason why I should not use these friendships in a good cause.

Millionaires and Negroes

Into our modest living room, adorned with bridge chairs and a table (and really quite comfortable) we ushered these 25 persons. Practically all those invited had accepted. Among them were millionaires of public spirit, labor leaders, clergymen, members of the City Council, the director of the YMCA, members of the Board of Education, the president of the Chamber of Commerce, the editor of the daily newspaper, a city judge and negro leaders.

Such a distinguished gathering had seldom been seen in Yonkers. And now comes the point: the wonderful cooperation of the Bureau of Intercultural Edu-



Z. O. A. President First to Buy Palestine Stock

Dr. Israel Goldstein (right), president of the Zionist Organization of America, purchasing the first share in the new \$1,500,000 issue of common stock of the Palestine Economic Corporation from Robert Szold, chairman of the corporation's board of directors. The corporation, largest American business enterprise in that country, will utilize the additional capital for a post-war program to develop industry and agriculture in Palestine.

3 Dead, 1 Missing Milwaukee Toll for Week

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The Milwaukee Jewish community was hit heavily this week by casualties. Pfc. Irving Grant, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Grant, and Pfc. Burton Hiken, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hiken, are both believed to have been lost on a torpedoed transport in the English Channel, en route to France. Pfc. Kenneth Ruskin, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ruskin, was killed in action in Belgium and 1st. Lt. Jerry Robbins, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Robbins, is missing in action. The plane on which he was navigator, was shot down over Austria.

I myself brought out the point that we could not reach most of the homes at all, or any of the populated and submerged portions of the citizenry, except through their children in the school.

The meeting caused a sensation. Letters were written to the newspapers. I was invited to address the Parent-Teachers Council, representing the entire city; and also individual P.T.A. groups. The Bureau in New York continued its help.

Schools Begin To Act

Many principals are themselves becoming interested. More and more assignments are being given to their children, along the lines of appreciation of different racial groups. The superintendent of schools has let it be known that, in the near future, a program of intercultural education would be offered in every school; and the superintendent himself this week took cognizance of the subject, and discussed it with various groups.

In the meantime the P.T.A. Council is certain to adopt intercultural education as a project for 1945-1946. The Interfaith Committee, long in existence, has just endorsed the movement.

The most interesting thing that was brought out was the great reservoir of good will that exists in any community. Minority groups have many friends, perhaps more than they think. Not only enemies appear in times of stress, but many friends, also, are found. Pessimists to the contrary notwithstanding, there is real hope for American democracy.

Would Make Restitution But Can't Find Jews

Jewish Telegraphic Agency SALONICA — Although the Greek government announced this week its readiness to rescind the law under which Jewish property was confiscated during the German occupation, the problem is acute for the simple reason that there are very few Jews left to claim it.

No Grounds for Exaggerated Optimism, Dr. Weizmann Says

Jewish Telegraphic Agency JERUSALEM—Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, left Palestine today for Cairo. Prior to his departure he addressed a session of the Small Zionist Actions Committee on the political situation, warning against pessimism, but at the same time expressing that "there is no ground for exaggerated optimism."

Declaring that he presumes that "Britain has begun thinking about our problem, although she has not yet reached any decision," Dr. Weizmann said: "I believe we are

Nations' conference at San Francisco. "I hope that our situation will be clearer before the opening of the San Francisco Conference," he said. "Within another six months we shall be able to make considerable progress." He stated that after spending several days in the Middle East, he will proceed to London and from there to the United States. Moshe Shertok, head of the political department of the Jewish Agency, also left today for Cairo and will remain there for two weeks.

Weizmann Reaches London

Jewish Telegraphic Agency LONDON—Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, arrived here from Cairo. He left Jerusalem several days ago after an extended visit there. He is expected to proceed to the United States shortly.

going toward better days. I am convinced that you—at least the younger people—will live to see a Jewish State; we deserve it. We have done much for it."

Dr. Weizmann criticized the fact that the Jews were not invited as a people to the United

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Capt. Joseph E. Berman, 26, of Suffolk, Va., has been awarded the Legion of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious conduct" in New Guinea. With one other officer, he conceived and developed a plan for a two-and-one-half ton truck which could be taken apart for transportation by air.

The bulk of such trucks had previously made delivery by plane impossible. Berman and his collaborator, working at first with a wooden truck model, proved to their own satisfaction that their plan was practicable, later requested and secured a real truck for their experiments. They worked out a method of disassembling the truck, loading it onto two transport planes, then reassembling it at its destination.

"By his initiative and inventive skill," the award citation states, "Lt. Berman made a definite advance in the technique of airborne operations."

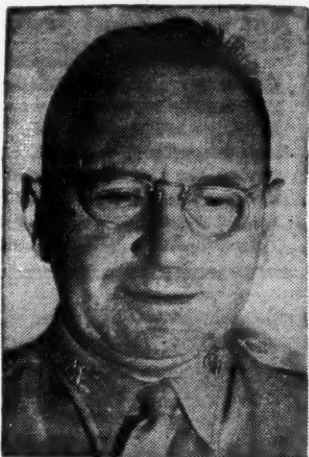
Gun, Shell Fire Doesn't Daunt This Doctor

Capt. Alfred M. Tocker, 29, Medical Corps, of Galveston, Tex., holds the Bronze Star and an Oakleaf Cluster for "heroic achievement" in Normandy.

With two litter squads, he advanced into enemy territory and brought back five wounded men. Later he went out alone ahead of American forces to rescue still another wounded soldier.

Enemy artillery fire scored a direct hit on his aid station, killing many of his men and wounding others, but Tucker refused to be evacuated. He rounded up infantrymen for litter squads, and kept his medical unit functioning until the crisis was over.

Wins 3rd Award



Colonel Julius Klein, former newspaperman of Chicago, has been decorated with Legion of Merit, according to an announcement from Pacific Ocean Area headquarters. As port-commander of a South Pacific base, Col. Klein was cited for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services." The award is Col. Klein's third commendation.

Wounded in Action

In all these cases, next-of-kin have previously been notified and have been kept informed directly by the War Department of any change in status.

PVT. SHERMAN G. BROIDY, 20, Infantry, of Los Angeles, Cal. On New Guinea, by sniper fire.
T/5 STANLEY BROTHER, 27, Infantry, of Monticello, N. Y. On Saipan, by a booby trap.
PFC. ALBERT EINTRACHT, 19, Marine Corps, of Philadelphia, Pa. In the Marianas.
T/5 MURRAY L. FINK, 26, Medical Det., of Far Rockaway, N. Y. In France.
PVT. DAVID FORKASH, 32, Infantry, of Chicago, Ill. In France.
COXSWMAN BERNARD M. FRANK, 18, U. S. Navy, of Brooklyn, At Tarawa.
PVT. MARTIN FREEDMAN, Parachute Infantry, of Columbus, O. In France.
LT. BERT D. GILDEN, 30, Tank Corps, of Bridgeport, Conn. In France, when his tank received a hit.
CPL. HERMAN GLICKER, 27, Marine Corps, of the Bronx, At Palau, by mortar fire. Presidential Unit Citation.
PVT. HERMAN S. HERSHMAN, 19, Infantry, of Philadelphia, Pa. In France.
PFC. SAMUEL KOSKOFF, 27, Infantry, of Brooklyn, On Biak, by shrapnel.
PFC. SAMUEL KRIPITZ, 23, Medical Det., of Camden, N. J. In Germany.
STAFF SGT. BERNARD KUPFERMAN, 23, Infantry, of the Bronx, In Belgium.
PFC. IRVING LIPSTEIN, 40, Medical Det., of New York City. On Saipan.
STAFF SGT. JOSEPH H. MILLER, 27, Infantry, of Passaic, N. J. In France.

Dive-Bomber Pilot Sinks Jap Destroyer Almost Single-Handed

Special
NEW YORK—Capt. Abraham M. Daniels, 26, USMC, of Caribou, Me., holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, an Air Medal and an Oakleaf Cluster for his outstanding achievements as a dive-bomber pilot in the South Pacific.

Daniels is credited with the destruction of a Japanese destroyer which he sank "almost single-handed" in the Solomons.

He was a member of the first Marine squadron of dive-bombers to operate from Munda and the Russell Islands. In the course of three campaigns, he went out on missions covering every enemy airfield in the Solomons.

On one occasion a shell shattered his plane's windshield, ripped through the cockpit, and missed Daniels himself by a hair's breadth.

This weekly feature is a continuing record of the names and exploits of American Jewish members of the armed forces who fall in battle or who in other ways make sacrifices and contributions in the common cause.

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Killed in Action

PVT. SID M. DIAMOND, Engineer Corps, of Tucson, Ariz. In France.
PVT. MEYER DRUKEROFF, Infantry, of Lakewood, N. J. In France.
SGT. BERNARD F. GITTLEMAN, 23, Army Air Force, of Philadelphia, Pa. Over Norway. He was a radio operator.
PFC. HARRY GOLDSMITH, Infantry, of Brooklyn, N. Y. On Saipan.
LT. HERBERT J. HOFFENBERG, 22, Infantry, of New York City, On Bougainville, by a Jap sniper, who he left his shelter to go to the aid of a man in his company.
PFC. BERNARD KATZ, 22, Marine Corps, of Springfield, Mass. In the South Pacific.
PVT. IRVING KAUFMAN, 21, Infantry, of Cleveland, O. In Germany.
PFC. PAUL KESSLER, 20, Infantry, of Philadelphia, Pa. In France.
STAFF SGT. HARRY LEIBOWITZ, 26, Infantry, of Brooklyn, In France.
PFC. ALAN M. LEVY, 19, Infantry, of Binghamton, N. Y. In Germany.
TECH. SGT. GEORGE LIFSCHITZ, 28, Army Air Force, of Brooklyn, Over England. He was a radio man and gunner.
FLIGHT OFFICER HERBERT V. MORRIS, 21, Army Air Force, of Ann Arbor, Mich. Over France. He held the Air Medal.
PFC. NATHAN NISSENSON, Infantry, of Brooklyn, In France.
LT. ERNEST L. ROTH, 21, Army Air Force, of Los Angeles, Cal. Over Germany.
PVT. ISIDORE SHERMAN, 21, Infantry, of Brooklyn, In France.
PVT. ARTHUR L. SILVERMAN, 18, Infantry, of Toledo, O. In France. He took part in the D-day assault.
PFC. JOCHANAN TARTAKOWER, 19, Infantry, of New York City, In France.
LT. MARTIN B. UNGER, 27, Army Air Force, of the Bronx. In the South Pacific, over Yap Island, a navigator of a B-24.

First Jewish Wedding Rites in Philippines Since Liberation

Special
SOMEWHERE IN THE PHILIPPINES—The first Jewish wedding solemnized in the liberated Philippines was an all-B'nai B'rith affair, with the bride and groom, both in the Army, and the officiating rabbis, Army chaplains, all members of B'nai B'rith. The wedding, which took place on Feb. 20, united Corp. Evelyn Cowan, of the WAC, a member of the B'nai B'rith Women in Columbus, Ohio, and S/Sgt. Harry Becker, alumnus of Aleph Zedek Aleph from Elyria, O.

The marital knot was tied by Chaplain Morris Adler, of Shaarey Zedek Congregation, Detroit, a former vice-president of B'nai B'rith's Pishag Lodge; Chaplain Abraham Winokur of New York City, and Chaplain Samuel Silver, former director of the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation at the University of Maryland.

Palm Tree Backdrop
The scene of the wedding was a spacious bamboo chapel o'er-topped with palm trees. S/Sgt. Becker, an air force dispatcher, received special permission to fly to his bride's post, and there was little time for preparation. However, the glad news traveled fast, and a large crowd assembled at the chapel for the blessed event.

The wedding was performed in the traditional Jewish manner; not an item was lacking, even though the jungle and the Japs were not far away. Chaplain Adler gave the wedding talk and recited the b'rachos. Chaplain Winokur read the K'subah. "O Promise Me" was sung by the choir which sings for the Protestant services. Although a chuppah was

not available, a white parachute above the altar furnished the canopy effect. The bride was attended by her commanding officer, WAC Capt. Blanche Cline, of Brookline, Mass., and she was "given away" by a medical Major, Dr. J. E. Koptchok, of Whiting, Ind. Best man was S/Sgt. Charles M. Schechner, Yonkers, N. Y., and the maid of honor was WAC Cpl. Rose Glazer, Bronx, N. Y.

It Started in New Guinea

Although the couple had known each other back in Ohio, their romance began while they were both stationed in New Guinea. Before their application for permission to marry was approved, both of them had been transferred to the Philippine theater. With S/Sgt. Becker flying about on various missions, the couple was uncertain until the last moment just when and where the marriage could be celebrated. Then came the special permission for S/Sgt. Becker to fly to his bride. The bride was thereupon granted a three-day furlough for a honeymoon, and the story has a happy ending.

After the impressive ceremony, the GI guests settled down to an old-fashioned Jewish songfest, making the Philippine air resound (probably for the first time) to the joyous singing of Hebrew, Yiddish, and Palestinian songs. The bottle of wine, of which the couple partook, was soon emptied. It was almost midnight when someone picked up the fragments of the broken glass and all dispersed into the night, full of gladness and joy at having witnessed the historic blessed event.

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NEW YORK—A gift of \$100,000 has been given to the Jewish National Fund by Mr. Abraham Bloomenson of Duluth, Minn., it was announced here by Judge Morris Rothenberg, president of the J.N.F. of America.

The money will be spent for the establishment of a new colony where priority will be given to demobilized Jewish soldiers and their families.

Returning War Vets May Be Lured To Anti-Semitic Bodies—Greenberg

By ARCHIE GREENBERG

National Commander, Jewish War Vets

SPECIAL
NEW YORK—A warning to Americans to guard themselves against racketeers who seek to exploit the returning veterans for their own nefarious practices is sounded in the current issue of "Reader's Scope" by an alert reporter named Kelvin Muller. He tells the story of Gerald L. K. Smith and his man Friday, George Vose, through whom the Detroit rabble rouser seeks to organize the "Nationalist Veterans of World War II" as a veterans affiliate of this American First Party.

Vose, so Muller tells us—is busily travelling through the country setting up "central committees of seven ex-servicemen in every city where he can find seven unsuspecting veterans from among the thousands now coming out of the armed forces." A dishonorably discharged veteran dismissed following "attempted embezzlement," Vose attempts to set up an organization that can be used by such fascists as Smith to further their post war plans.

Use False Attractions
Muller tells us that Smith—and other fascists would be leaders—use "the issue of mustering out pay as a snare for the serviceman." They make "irresponsible promises" that have "no basis in reality," says Muller. "They are economic fallacies. They are not recognizable objects (such as the GI Bill of Rights) and are put forward obviously for purposes other than safeguarding the interests of returning soldiers. It is the classic technique of the demagogue to promise large sums of the government's money at some future date while he takes in the money of the unsuspecting for his own account now."

The "Reader's Scope" article presents a problem that is worrying all responsible veteran leaders—whether they be connected with the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, the Jewish Veterans or other recognized and reputable groups. It is within the realms of probability that hundreds of veteran organizations will mushroom from the minds of racketeers seeking to exploit the veteran.

It is well to be wary of the new veteran organizations that make promises impossible of achievement; it is important that the sponsorship of these new groups be examined to see that their leadership is not racist, racketeering or inept. The JWV—like other reputable veteran organizations—compiles accurate information on the new organizations that spring up.

Some are, of course, legitimate expressions of the will of World War II veterans to organize for comradeship and mutual benefit. In case of doubt, readers are advised to check with the office of the Jewish War Veterans, 275 Fifth Avenue, New York. They shall be happy to give you the facts on any and all veterans groups.

No one seeks to deny to any group of veterans their rights of organization, but all Americans should be zealous in protecting the returned soldiers from the charlatan or racketeer, the man who seeks to fleece the veteran of cash—or even more important—of the fruits of victory, the right to live in a democracy.

What Smith Wants
Smith and his Nationalist Veterans of World War II—for example—are an out and out fascist organization that would, if it could—wreck post war international security on the shoals of its alleged "America First" nationalism. Smith, as is well known, has attracted the leading anti-Semites to his cause. He is a skillful promoter, a highly demagogic speaker, and a threat to the well being of our American democracy. He should not—and must not—be allowed to make inroads into the ranks of unsuspecting returned veterans; neither should any other person suspected of fascism, anti-Semitism or plain racketeering.

You will be performing a valuable service by reporting any such incipient organizations in your community to the Jewish War Veterans of the United States, the widely recognized forty-nine year old representative of American Jewry in the field of veterans organizations. We, along with the American Legion, the VFW and other groups, are dedicated to the preservation of veterans organizations on a high plane whereby they can be of utmost usefulness to the individual veterans and to the country at large.

JEWISH SGT. FINDS PARENTS IN COLOGNE; HADN'T SEEN THEM FOR 12 YEARS

SPECIAL
COLOGNE—The story of M/Sgt. Bernard Bernkof, who found his parents in this city twelve hours after its capture, is being told here. His mother and father, hidden for the past year by friends and neighbors, are part of the 100-odd Jews left in Cologne of its former 16,000 Jewish inhabitants.

Sgt. Bernkof first located his father, whom relatives had written him might be in this city.

The two then went to the hiding place of his mother.

Sgt. Bernkof enlisted in the Army a month after Pearl Harbor and has been in the European campaign since D-plus-4, winning the Bronze Star for "an argument I had with some krauts crossing the Seine." A First Army interpreter, he lived in Cologne for his first twenty years, went to Palestine and emigrated to New York in 1937.

AL SEGAL Speaks on RABBI OF ROME

MY Catholic friend, Mr. Sweeney, asked what I thought of Israel Zolli, chief rabbi of Rome being converted to Catholicism. Mr. Sweeney seemed to expect that I would be in a begrudging mood in the matter of Rabbi Zolli, that I might dispute the moral right of the Catholic Church to take him from us, that I would turn with bitter reproaches against Rabbi Zolli himself.



I replied that I hoped Rabbi Zolli would turn out really to be a most exemplary Christian. . . . "You know, Sweeney, there aren't too many good Christians around and I should be happy if the conversion of Rabbi Zolli adds one authentic Christian to the population. You must agree that genuine Christians are rather scarce, if you consider the awful condition of mankind in these times and how long ago Jesus died for mankind's salvation, according to your Gospels."

"Moreover, my dear Sweeney, consider the enormous number of the churches and the budgets that have been expended on Christianity these 2000 years. Considering all that, you can't say there are anywhere nearly enough Christians at work in the world."

"All this double-distilled meanness that's extant in the world, all this hate and bigotry, all these vicious little haters and back-biters. Certainly, there seems a scarcity of Christians in a so-called Christian world."

Sweeney Agrees

Mr. Sweeney quite agreed with me. He himself has been feeling troubled on account of Christianity, as he looks at the current world in which his own boy tonight suffers a precarious existence on some battlefield in Europe. He wonders at this being so 2000 years after Christ.

Not that Mr. Sweeney felt any less Christian when his heart ached on account of his son going through another crucifixion 2000 years after the first one, 2000 years after the Serman on the Mount. He didn't blame Christianity. Yes, he said, Christianity is all right; it's that people who call themselves Christian haven't really accepted Christianity.

"Yes," I went on, "I hope that Rabbi Zolli will be a grand Christian gentleman and increase by one the meager number of Christian gentlemen in this world. Who am I to say no when Christianity has a chance to acquire one more practicing Christian?"

I sketched briefly the quality of Christian gentleman who respects the brotherhood and sets no other man apart because he kneels at another altar or because of the race from which he sprang or because of his complexion. You know, Sweeney, a lot of so-called Christians have been behaving like heathens who haven't yet heard of Christianity. Yes, more Christians are needed and I am not a man to hold even one new Christian back, if he really behaves like one."

I could guess that if Rabbi Zolli turns out to be genuinely a Christian he will give a good part of his time to penitential praying for forgiveness for all crimes, falsehood and hypocrisy perpetrated in the decent name of Christianity.

Mr. Sweeney winked. . . . "That's a big contract," he said. "There have been so many crimes. You Jews know all that even better than I do. God may forgive but how can the Jews, being human, ever forgive?"

Jesus and Zolli, Two Jews

"Yes, Sweeney, I want Rabbi Zolli to be like that other Jew who has been trying to convert Gentiles to Christianity all these years. Jesus and Zolli! Perhaps together they can go places! Two Jews laboring together up the mountain-side toward brotherhood, summoning the Gentiles from the dark caves in the deep valley."

"Jesus and Israel Zolli! Marching together, calling all Gentile to come along and be Christians for justice, compassion, mercy and loving-kindness."

Mr. Sweeney remarked that I was a generous man. Considering what had been done to Jews in the name of Christianity, he thought I would be in favor of fewer, not more, Christians.

"Sweeney, my motive is ulterior, though. If there were many more genuine Christians it would be much easier to be a Jew. If there were plenty of Christians the ancient savagery against Jews might become extinct and anti-Semitism would be a shameful social disease, like syphilis. Certainly, anti-Semitism is degradation in a so-called Christian world that for 2,000 years has been exposed to the Christly teaching."

But wasn't I expecting too much of Rabbi Zolli? After all, Mr. Sweeney pointed out, Zolli had been a Jew all his life. Wasn't it too much to ask him, so late in life, to ascend to the high-eminence of being a Christian. Certainly, Mr. Sweeney said, the peak of being a great and good Christian is not to be attained at one jump. He himself, though born all that a Christian should be. Mr. Sweeney a Christian, was humbly aware that he wasn't tried hard to be a Christian in all his ways but he was conscious of shortcomings.

"No," I replied, "it shouldn't be hard for Rabbi Zolli to be a great and good Christian, precisely for the reason that he has been a Jew brought up on the high spiritual and ethical levels of Judaism."

Mr. Sweeney seemed happy with my way of looking at the matter of the Jews losing important Rabbi by conversion. . . . "Yes," he said, "we do need more Christians and I guess we should thank the Jews for giving us an extra one."

"More than that, Sweeney! If Rabbi Zolli turns out to be an authentic Christian, if he is an example of a Christian gentleman for the eyes of Gentiles, if by his example he increases the population of true Christians, I should like to see him elevated to the top rank of Christian gentlemen. Sweeney, I should be in favor of making a saint of Rabbi Zolli."

"Yes, St. Israel," said Mr. Sweeney.

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Sermon of the Week

Rabbi Charges Ignorant Laymen Trying to Rule American Jewry

By RABBI JULIUS KERMAN, Lorain, O.

Many Jewish laymen feel that leadership and the honor that goes with it, belong to the rich and not to the scholars. In American synagogues the rich laymen have established complete ascendancy over the rabbis. Here the old-world process is reversed: formerly the synagogue influence streamed outwardly, but nowadays secular standards invade and pervade the synagogue; formerly a rabbi's chief assets were learning and piety, but in America they are oratory and proper contacts. The further the synagogue is removed from the old-fashioned type, the more it is dominated by laymen and their secular views. Rabbis who cannot accommodate themselves to this situation, are unhappy, and many are unhappy.

Not content with the domination of the synagogue, the laity is constantly looking for wider fields. The American Jewish Committee, a lay organization in which rabbis are inconspicuous members, has been trying for years to capture the leadership of the Jewish community and to a certain extent it has succeeded. Recently the American Jewish Committee withdrew from the American Jewish Conference which was headed by rabbis, and it now appeals to American Jews to unite under its lay leadership.

Laymen Form Council

The laity also seeks to establish its ideological domination. A rich layman, totally devoid of Jewish knowledge, founded the American Council for Judaism. The name is misleading; it should have been called the Anti-Zionist Council, for in the almost three years of its existence, it has done nothing constructive for Judaism, but has fought Zionism.

Now Zionism has a religious origin; its roots are in the Bible and in the daily prayers which are 2,000 years old; it is the synagogue's messianic hope extended into every-day life. Because, Zionism is a spiritual force, it has inspired thinkers, writers, poets, and artists and has moved young people to self-sacrificing efforts in converting swamps and deserts into flourishing villages and cities; Zionist labors in Palestine prepared homes for hundreds of thousands of refugees who, otherwise would have perished.

Anti-Zionism has no such record to recommend it; it has no spiritual antecedents; it is a child of political barter; it was dragged into the synagogue from Emancipation's bargain-basement. Because anti-Zionism is not spiritual, it has not proved a source of inspiration; it created no spiritual values; it moved no one to self-sacrificing efforts; it can boast only of a few inane sermons and pamphlets. The Council repeats so often that Jews are a religious community, because it is very conscious of its own secularity; its clerical members' insistence that Jews have no language, no culture, and no literature merely reveals that they have no contact with these spiritual treasures. From Philadelphia, the home of the Council, the rebellion against historic Judaism has leaped to Houston, Texas, and to Lincoln, Nebraska, and now it has emerged in a fourth place.

Why All the Fanfare

A couple of weeks ago I received a circular letter from Pontiac, Mich., informing me of the formation in that community of a new Reform congregations. This letter went out to all members of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and to leaders of all Reform congregations in America.

One wonders: is the formation of a new congregation such an important event in the life of American Israel as to merit this nation-wide publicity? Of course not. During these prosperous war years some new congregations have been organized. These events took place without any fanfare; whatever publicity there was, was confined in every case to the community concerned. This is how it should be: the establishment of a new congregation is of only local importance and interest. But these Pontiac citizens of the Reform Jewish faith decided that the birth of a synagogue in their midst is of national significance and proceeded to announce the "blessed event" with trumpet blasts.

Besides the trumpet blasts there is in the letter the impact of battering rams against the citadels of Reform Judaism: the Hebrew Union College, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and the Central Conference of American Rabbis; these institutions of which American Jews have been justly proud, are subjected to vicious attacks. Eight symptoms of Reform's degeneration are listed:

1. The constant attempts to introduce discarded ceremonialism into the ritual. (My comment: This is true.)
2. The steady increase of Jewish nationalistic thinking in our religious school materials. (This is also true.)
3. The employment by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations of an avowed Yiddishist and Zionist as its Director of Education. (One of these charges is true; the other is false.)
4. The participation of the Union in the American Jewish Conference. (True.)
5. The failure of the Central Conference of American Rabbis to condemn Zionism. (True.)
6. The growing number of anti-Reform rabbis being ordained by the Hebrew Union College. (It all depends on what is meant by anti-Reform.)
7. The unhappy alliance of the Hebrew Union Alumni with alumni of the Jewish Institute of Religion. (Many people deem the alliance happy.)
8. The admission into the Reform congregations of too many Jews who are only nominally Reform. (This item is also debatable.)

If these are symptoms of degeneration, let us degenerate further. While the diagnosis of the "patient" is wrong, it reveals the condition of the "doctors." These religious trail-blazers in Pontiac are nebish ignorant of both Hebrew and Yiddish; they confuse the two. The Union's Educational Director is not a Yiddishist but a Hebraist. If he would cultivate French, Italian, Spanish, or Burmese, that would be praiseworthy, but Yiddish and Hebrew are taboo. What a lack of appreciation of Jewish spiritual values!

Reform Rabbis Orthodox

Are the Pontiac theologians familiar with American Reform Jewish history? No; neither did they give it much thought. They do not know that, if the Hebrew Union College would have excluded the sons of Orthodox homes, Reform Jews would have alive.

had no rabbis. Where would American Reform Judaism be now, if it had maintained a policy of exclusiveness and secularity? It would now be a closed episode. How obvious it is that these Pontiac Jews did not spend much time and thought on the subject of Reform Judaism.

There is one paragraph in the letter which is a dead give-away. "Therefore, we believe that we have reached a period in history when, as at the beginnings of Reform, leadership must be taken by laymen who have no vested interests in official Jewish life, who are sincere in their concern for Judaism and the future of men and women who are Jews."

What is the meaning of these words? It is the *am ha-aretz* declaration of independence.

It is hard to suppress a few questions: Is this the time for the creations of schisms, of divisions in Jewry? Is this the time for Jews to attack one another? Is not this the time for closing our ranks, for urging one another; let us rescue what we can and whom we can and deliver them wherever we can? Instead of engaging in polemics, should we not redouble our efforts in behalf of the faint and famished remnants of Israel? Is not this the time for increasing Jewish learning, rather than decreasing it?

Not Distressed by Tragedy

But, before we articulate these questions, we must realize that these Jews "who are at ease" in Philadelphia, in Houston, in Lincoln, in Pontiac, and elsewhere, are not at all distressed by the misfortune that has overwhelmed Israel. Their chief concern now is that they be not confused with those persecuted Jews. The second principle of the Houston-Lincoln-Pontiac tribe reads: "We are Jews by virtue of our acceptance of Judaism." We say: We are Jews, because we were born Jews. Not they: they just happened to accept Judaism, otherwise—racially, culturally, linguistically, historically, ideologically—they have nothing in common with those Jews who are persecuted. This is a hysterical attempt to forestall the Hitler of tomorrow.

What kind of Judaism do these people want? A minimal Judaism that will rest very lightly upon its bearers and which asks for no sacrifices; a Judaism without Hebrew, without literature, without culture, without time-honored ideals, without folkways. It is a strait-jacketed Reform Judaism without power of growth and development. Such a Judaism needs no schools, no scholarship, no rabbis; or rather, it wants rabbis without scholarship, without intellectual courage and initiative, who will follow the dictates of the laity.

What kind of synagogues do they want? Exclusive, snobbish clubs from which Jews suspected of Zionist and "kosher" heresies will be barred; the membership will be uniform and regimented. But such Judaism has no reason for existence, because it has no contribution to make and it will not make any.

The whole outburst is the noisy revolt of the *am ha-aretz*, the secular ignoramus.

The Jews of Rumania, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Carpatho-Russia look to Jewish groups in the United States for urgently needed assistance. M. Saratainu, president of the Rumanian section of the Hias-Ica Emigration Association and vice-president of the Union of Rumanian Jews, said.

Less than 10 per cent of the 75,000 Jews who lived in Yugoslavia before the war are now

Books

By DR. THEODORE N. LEWIS

A READER of the Jewish Post has asked for suggestions concerning suitable Jewish texts for the home education of his eight year old daughter.

The first book I would recommend is the old fashioned *Reshith Daath*. Some Jewish educators do not look with favor upon this text, regarding it as outmoded and educationally unsound. In my opinion however, it still remains the best introduction to the Hebrew language, a knowledge of which should form the foundation of any Jewish training and school curriculum. The Hebrew language is an emotionally potent medium for linking a Jew to his heritage, people and faith.

It should be taught in a manner which will create within the pupil a feeling of pride and of joy in mastering the language of Israel and of the Bible, the language which has been miraculously revived and reborn in modern Palestine.

Teach History From Bible

Jewish history for an eight year old should best be Biblical. From the several available texts the most satisfactory is Mordechai Soloff's "When The Jewish People Was Young," a publication of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The "Pupil's Workbook," which should be used with it, will make the text more vivid and meaningful. The "Teacher's Book" will assist the teacher in the presentation of the subject matter.

The Bible story when intelligently presented will further the moral and religious development of the child, and strengthen his Jewish loyalties. It will help the pupil acquire faith in God, love for justice and a pride in Israel and the Torah.

Till modern times, every Jewish child began his religious life quite early, with his father bringing him to the synagogue and introducing him to the prayer book and to public worship. Jewish liturgy remains to this very day a foremost educational instrument. Without a knowledge and appreciation of our liturgy either in the orthodox version, the *Siddur*, or the Reform, the Union Prayer Book, Jewish education is shockingly inadequate.

A Jewish youngster should know the fixed portions of the liturgy, the *Borchu*, *Shema*, etc., and the more important selections such as "Thou Shalt Love the Lord Thy God," "The Soul Which Thou Hast Given Me," the 23rd Psalm, and similar, simple and sublime prayers. His adult Jewish life will be richer and more spiritual.

Do Not Overlook Music

Music is an exceedingly important educational instrument as Hitler can testify. The Nazi song book became the universal text book for German youth and with the tunes, melodies and music he conquered the hearts and minds of the German child. A Jewish education without a knowledge of the rich and varied, joyous and sad Jewish music—folk songs in Hebrew, Yiddish and English, traditional liturgical and religious selections for Sabbath, holidays and festivals; and the challenging songs which modern Palestine has given us, is woefully inadequate. Every Jewish youth is entitled to the endless joy which the music of Israel has in store for

him, and to deprive him thereof is a grave injustice.

Many Jewish songsters of high quality are available and one or more should be in every home and in regular use. "The Gateway to Jewish Song" by Judith K. Eisenstein, published by the Behrman House, is particularly designed for Jewish children. It is beautifully edited, filled with captivating and carefully selected songs—folk, Palestinian, holiday, etc., which will touch the heart and stir the emotions. Another fine volume by the same publisher is "Songs of Zion" by Harry Coopersmith. A third and less expensive, but equally good, is the "Hadassah Songster," which includes the best known and popular Jewish songs.

A final recommendation is the Young Judea magazine at 381 Fourth Avenue, New York City. A subscription to this monthly will bring the child current Jewish news and help him realize that the Jew is a living organism.

A MODERN MIDRASH

On the Portion of the Week

by

RABBI DAVID S. SHAPIRO

If any one commit a trespass, and sin through error, in the holy things of the Lord, then he shall bring his forfeit unto the Lord (Lev. 5.15).

THE guilt-offerings ordained by the Torah (with four exceptions—*Kerithoth* 2.2) are to be brought only in the case of sin through error. One who sins against God presumptuously cannot expect to attain forgiveness by means of a sacrifice. As a matter of fact, the sacrifice of the deliberate sinner is regarded as an abomination (Pro. 15.8). Moreover, no sin against human beings can be expiated by means of an offering. Sins against man can be expiated only by making good the offense against them. The robber must make restitution. The assaulter must ask forgiveness of the one he has injured. The slanderer must publicly withdraw his falsehoods.

The modern so-called critical view, based partially on the negative attitude displayed by the prophets towards the sacrifices, that the prophets did not know the Torah or that they disputed it, is altogether based on a misunderstanding of both the Torah and the prophets. Of course, the prophets in their days condemned those who brought sacrifices. They denounced them because their sacrifices were against the Torah. The nobility and the masses perverted justice, committed robbery, exploited their slaves and laborers, and hoped to attain forgiveness by bribing God with sacrifices. Such a conception of sacrifice is thoroughly pagan and is totally out of harmony with the Torah which has instituted the sacrifice as an expiation for transgressions unwittingly committed. The Halacha teaches that although sacrifices may be offered in the sanctuary at Jerusalem when presented by heathen, nevertheless those of a reprobate Israelite (*mumar*) are unacceptable because of the principle that the sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination (*Hullin* 5a). The prophetic objection to the sacrifices was based on Halacha.

BUY U. S. WAR BONDS TODAY

Strictly Confidential

By PHINEAS J. BIRON

The World War III Threat

In possession of the Allies are secret plans of the German General Staff, blueprinting proposed actions to bring about a German victory in World War III. . . . Among the three most important items on the agenda is anti-Semitic propaganda in the United States of America. . . . According to the German document, what happened this time was that the anti-Semitic campaign in the U. S. A. was badly muffed. . . . The Nazi masterminds acknowledge that they failed in their aim, the aim of inextricably involving one of America's major political parties. . . . "That error dare not be repeated the next time," is the admonition of the Nazi General Staff writer. . . . Two days before the opening of the San Francisco Conference of the United Nations will be the publication date of a book that will create a stir in political circles. . . . Its title: "The Plot Against the Peace." . . . The authors are Michael Sayers and Albert E. Kahn. . . .

Palestine News

The Yishuv in Palestine is very calm, but determined, we're told by one who just returned from Palestine. . . . If Britain fails to rescind the White Paper the Jewish community of Palestine will be heard from in no uncertain terms. . . . Some time between the 18th and the 22nd of this month you will read about an inspiring action with reference to American support of Jewish aspirations in Eretz Israel. . . . Rabbi James G. Heller's statement to the contrary notwithstanding, Dr. Chaim Weizmann's visit to America next month will be primarily political, and not for the purpose of "fund-raising." . . .

Jewish Panorama

The American Birobidjan Committee last month shipped to Jewish orphans in Birobidjan 4,500 pounds of powdered milk, 4,697 pairs of shoes and 4,500 sets of underwear, not to mention 51 sewing machines for the use of those in charge of the youngsters. . . . Bravo! . . . That's constructive work. . . . Theodore Gaster, who succeeds Israel Schapiro as head of the Semitic Department of the Library of Congress at Washington, probably ranks as the most brilliant student of Arabic lore now living. . . . That article in the Congress Weekly by Dr. Giuseppe Bertel, on Rabbi Zolli, is a sad apology for a still saddled deed. . . . It is possible that Dr. Bertel missed the JTA dispatch which revealed that in the dark days of Mussolini, Zolli had joined the Fascist Party in Padua? . . .

Literati

Leo C. Rosten, famous for his H*Y*M*A*N K*A*P*L*A*N stories, will be one of the heads of a new publishing house that will cater to the younger generation. . . . He will share authority with Reeves Lewenthal, of the Associated American Artists, and Dr. Margaret Mead, the anthropologist, and tells us that they expect to revolutionize the children's book business. . . . Ada Siegel, who as managing editor of Magazine Digest, brought it to a circulation of 300,000, and who now is the editor of the new magazine called This Month, is the daughter of Dr. Isaac N. Steinberg, who in the early days of the Soviet regime served as People's Commissar for Justice. . . . Philip Yordan, the playwright whose "Anna Lucasta" was turned down by every Broadway producer until the American Negro Theatre presented it in Harlem, now collects a bigger weekly royalty check than the author of any other of the Broadway hit shows. . . .

About People

Sculptor Jo Davidson was delighted to hear that all the many sculptures he had left at his Paris home are safe, thanks to the foresight of one of the Louvre directors, who before the arrival of the Nazis had the Davidson works removed to a secure hiding place. . . . Our referendum on who is the most beloved Jewish woman in America discloses that Mrs. Stephen S. Wise has won first honors. . . . To the readers who guess correctly the name of the woman who copied second place will go an autographed copy of Pierre van Paassen's "The Forgotten Ally." . . . It was no surprise to us when a Hollywood columnist revealed that Lauren Bacall, America's latest heartbeat, was born Betty Weinstein. . . . Betty says she didn't speak of her Jewishness because nobody asked her. . . . Special recordings of Danny Kaye's radio show are shipped to enemy prison camps, where they serve to cheer up captive American soldiers. . . . Francis Lederer will tread the boards again this spring, in a musical called "Mr. Strauss Goes to Boston." . . . He will play the role of Johann Strauss. . . . Curfew or no curfew, the night spot known as Leon and Eddie's is packing them in these evenings. . . . It's all on account of their new singer, Marilyn Curtis, who's drawing the customers like nobody's business. . . . But what we started to say was that Curtis is just a stage name. . . . Marilyn is the daughter of Eddie Cantor—so you know she must be good. . . .

THE COLUMN WITHOUT A NAME

Anti-Semitism is wrong, it is evil, it is dangerous—we ought to do what we can to cut it down. But all our complaints against it will not change the fact that we have to live in a world in which anti-Semitism will most likely continue for some time. It therefore becomes all the more important that we should increase for ourselves the satisfaction of living as a Jew so that we don't mind the discomfort so much. Next time we come across an unpleasant fact, let us ask: "Can it be

changed?" If so—let's change it; if not, let's face it.—Chaplain Lasker.

In Judaism, we are just as much concerned about the payment of employees as we are about the dietary laws. We are just as much concerned about the political integrity in the city hall as we are about the punctilious and perfect performance of a presiding priest. Judaism, because it is a philosophy of life, makes every experience significant. — Rabbi James A. Wax.

Give Blood to The Red Cross

OUR FILM FOLK

By LEON GUTTERMAN

HOLLYWOOD—Ethel Smith, swing virtuoso of the electric organ and conceded to be America's greatest organist, is returning to the studio where she was introduced on the screen in "Bathing Beauty," to appear in a spectacular musical number of Metro Goldwyn Mayer's "Early to Bed."

In the unique style that won her national fame on the "Hit Parade" program and "Radio Hall of Fame" broadcasts, she will supply the music for a colorful Colombian number which will feature Van Johnson and Esther Williams dancing and singing for the first time. Ethel recently completed "Twice Blessed" at Metro and is currently at work in the Walt Disney's studio where she is preparing to take over a co-starring role in the new Disney feature length Musical "Carnival." Her leading man and co-star will be none other than Donald Duck!

Incidentally, it's hard to believe that there is anything the famed Gene Krupa doesn't know about beating the drums. Nevertheless, Ethel, who is currently creating a sensation in motion pictures, radio and recordings, had to teach him how to play the Brazilian samba drums for RKO's "George White's Scandals." They do a sizzling samba duet in the picture and Gene wasn't familiar with the South American technique of using fingers instead of drumsticks in beating out the tempo!

I feel confident in predicting that within this year Ethel Smith, Empress of the electric organ, will rank in national popularity and with servicemen all over the world on that same topflight level as Dinah Shore, Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye!

David O. Selznick this week will mark his 10th anniversary as an independent producer. This is also Dave's 22nd anniversary in production and the 32nd anniversary of the start by the late Lewis J. Selznick, his father. The first independent Selznick picture was "Little Lord Fauntleroy," released in 1935. Then came "A Star is Born," "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," "Intermezzo," "Gone with the Wind," "Rebecca" and "Since You Went Away." To mention "Gone With the Wind" in case you have forgotten, grossed for our very successful friend David ore than thirty-five million dollars!

A Column of

Views and Comments

By G. M. COHEN

Latest to join the list of Jewish organizations using the daily papers of New York to add new members, is the New York Chapter of Hadassah. The advertisement appeared last week in the New York Times. It may be that Hadassah or other organizations of a more stable nature than The Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish or Europe and its affiliates, who heretofore have been the widest users of ads in the daily press, have run ads before this one I noticed, but this is the first one to come to my attention. The ads are forthright and mince no words. "If you have read the tale of Jewish tragedy in Europe and have not been moved to tears, then this message is not for you," this ad starts out. Then there is attached an application blank which reads: "Count me in on the job Hadassah is doing," etc.

An interesting study course for younger couples has been or-

New York Dateline

By RINNA GROSSMAN

Readjustment and Rehabilitation Only

MONTREAL, Canada—It is strange how even the least Zionist of Jewish organizations (with the notable exception of the Council for Judaism, of course) manage to get around to doing something which sooner or later comes to aid those Jews who see in Palestine the fulfillment of the destiny of Israel.

Here in Montreal I visited a Vocational Training School run by the Ort. The Ort, originally founded in Russia towards the end of the last century to promote agricultural and industrial work among Jews is known throughout the world as a "non-partisan" organization which claims no special interest in Zionist, and views the Jewish problem as one of readjustment and rehabilitation. After the holocaust of the first World War, the World Ort Union was formed. By 1938, it had branched out throughout Europe. By 1940, it had opened schools and training centers in Latin America. In 1941, Ort began its Canadian activities, and the school that I saw in Montreal last week is a notable example of the work of this unique and poorly publicized body.

The School, now in its second year, teaches various allied subjects in the field of practical and theoretical training. There was one large, light room with scores of drafting boards and blueprints and mathematical charts. There was one immense floor taken up by over a hundred machines and tool-making instruments. There was another classroom filled with shining, varnished products of carpentry and benchwork. There were rivets and lathes and grinders. And a great roar and hum of young Jews at work. There were servicemen who have been sent to this school by the Canadian Government. There were young men who wanted to get out from behind their desks and work with their hands. There were boys who found a new satisfaction in producing tools to be sent to liberated Europe, where other young Jews would reconstruct shattered homes and buildings.

Not Zionists—Canadians

It was, for a minute, almost like a Palestinian scene, and there was that same sense of a new energetic, healthy Jewish youth working for itself and doing so with pride and accomplishment. I spoke to the principal of the school, a well-known Canadian Jewish journalist and a leading figure in Montreal, who had spent three hard and often bitter years making this school the obvious success it had become. I asked him if any of these boys were Zionists, training for work in Palestine.

His answer was short and amused. Why, no—they were Canadians who were learning to become a useful unit in their own country, training to become skilled workers instead of petty tradesmen, he said. Certainly, there might be Zionists among them, but this great project of the reconstruction of Jewish economy, this had nothing to do with Palestine.

I took another good look at the whirring machines, and the lathes and the milling machines—and at the young men who worked here by day and at night, worked and learned tuition free. It was like going through a school in Haifa or Tel Aviv and watching boys there become artisans and technicians and craftsmen, and there was the same eager expression in their faces.

A Form of Halutzith

And then, it dawned on me. Of course, this was a form of Halutzith too. This was pioneering and Hachshara. When the time came, and a political philosophy developed among these young men, and when some of them looked towards Palestine—they would find they had been prepared, that the tools were in their hands, and a skill had been given to them.

I walked downstairs with the principal. Downstairs to his clean, business-like office lined with pictures of high Canadian governmental and military authorities who had visited this remarkable school, praised it and wondered at the high rate of efficiency, at the new techniques developed there. I looked at the exhibition of tools, laid out on a green baize table, all of them, made here in this large, noisy Montreal school, ready to be sent to Europe to aid Jews there. And I thought: how odd, this man really believes that he is an anti-Zionist, that all this has no connection with the miracle of Palestine, how odd! This might be a vocational school in Haifa instead of Montreal. And one day, some of these boys, working in Haifa, would think with gratitude of the man who prepared them for Palestine.

1941 POGROM KILLING 12,000 JEWS CHARGED TO BUCHAREST U. PROF.

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BUCHAREST—The trial of Romanianians charged with organizing a pogrom in the city of Jassy on

the 29th of June, 1941 during which 12,000 Jews were massacred opened here this week before the special tribunal for war criminals.

The former chief of police in Jassy, during whose administration the pogrom took place and who is among the persons on trial, today testified that the chief instigator of the massacres was Prof. Horya Hulubey, former rector of Bucharest University. Professor Hulubey is at present on the medical faculty of Bucharest University. The trial is expected to last several days.

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a guide for the bedevilled

—BEN HECHT'S NEW BOOK—

My Tante, who was a genius at cursing, stood looking at him, to my surprise, without a word. Then, gripping the remains of her umbrella, she swung it through the air and cracked him over the head with it. The manager groaned and staggered. My Tante seized my hand and whisked me out of the lobby. On the street she gave me a sunny smile.

"Remember what I tell you," she said. "That's the right way to apologize."

A Philosophy of Wounds and Halos

The Jewish apologists are avidly and pathetically intent on stating the case for the Jew by contradicting his enemies. They do not even pause to study the accusations of these enemies. They feel only that anything an anti-Semite says must be contradicted and disproved—and they rush forward with statements that Jews love their mothers, are full of patriotism, sweetness and solid human charm.

These denials, contradictions and affirmations are a preposterous waste of time. Jewish diplomacy has been wasting its time in this fashion for almost twenty centuries, offering alibis and mitigating circumstances—for what? Is there anything of which a Jew can be guilty that could match the unsavory and contemptible antics of his accusers? Apologies to whom? To that judge with blood-caked hands who sits leering from his bench? To that enfeebled and chaotic brain that calls itself an anti-Semite? Or to that smug and highly-tighty bystander, World Opinion—a gentleman who hasn't been able to find his buttocks with both hands since he was given an alphabet to play with?

You would think that the Jews would wake up to this one fact about themselves—that their defensive position is the chief delight and arsenal of the anti-Semite. But never comes such awakening. There have been some who have opened their eyes. Heinrich Heine woke up one day and filled the world with a burst of bitter laughter. This "greatest of their poets" announced that, whatever the Jew was, the spectacle of the monstrosities who called themselves Germans setting themselves up as his judges and superiors was one which must set the Devil and all his friends to laughing.

But Heine is only a Jew—not a Jewish spokesman. The Jewish spokesmen are usually a little too stunned with calamity to make epigrams. Their very egoism bids them look to themselves for answers, rather than to their enemies. And they answer, scientifically, vaingloriously, despairingly. That they are arguing with lunacy, that they are titillating sadists, that they manage only to inflame their accusers by revealing their wounds—never daunts their propaganda.

And in this struggle to disprove the anti-Semite by presenting themselves as a noble, worthy, and even wondrous people, the Jews fall into a trap that leaves their enemies cackling. For even these have enough cunning to punch holes in such contentions. The mere fact that the Jews are to be found on this

earth is enough to deny their cries that they are noble or remotely wondrous. No people known to history is that—not even the Americans.

There are two very unwise things to do in the world. One is to proclaim the fact that you are in distress—and expect your plight to bring Samaritans rushing to your side. An occasional Samaritan will arrive—but accompanied always by three hooligan sadists intent on the sport of increasing your misery. The other is the business of advertising your virtues. The "Jewish propaganda machine" is more or less devoted to both schemes, and the results continue, century in and out, to be the same. In a world that admires only victors, the Jews have persisted in advertising themselves as victims only. This the Jews are not. I am not writing of those murdered but those alive. No man alive is a victim. It is not only stupid but dangerous to pronounce himself one.

And no man alive is a good man. In such pronouncements lie further stupidity and danger. Whenever a man parades his virtues I always look over his shoulder at his follies and evils. I know that virtue is always a minority and I dislike to be taken in by any durbars it stages. And if a man grows too loud with his claims to piety and goodness it is my human impulse to bring him to my own measure by examining studiously his many failings.

Such, to a large degree, is the effect of the Virtue-Apologist propaganda of the Jews. The bystander—not necessarily an anti-Semite—on hearing the overpraise attached to the name Jew, ignores it a little irritably and bethinks himself at once of Jews he knows he wouldn't be found dead with.

My own attitude toward the Jews is that they need no defense—and that defending them is the major disservice I can do them. They are and have been always children of the world—and they look to me as good as the rest of their playmates. And, now and then, a little better.

If there is anything special in the Jewish make-up, it lies in the ancient and still undissipated egoism of the Jew. Here is the quirk of which the anti-Semites make always a great noise. I wish only that the accusations of egoism were as true as they proclaim them to be. The echo of Elijah is all too faint in the Jewish spirit. I wish also that many other of the accusations were true—that Jews are dangerous, that they are a world menace to the Germans, that they cannot be assimilated by Nordic peoples (Is this really a charge or a complaint?). I wish too that there were complete truth in the accusations that the Jews are an implacable barrier to the philosophy of rampant nationalism.

There is only one truth in all these charges. No Jew, were he given a Swastika to wear on his sleeve, could exist in the Hell made by the Germans. Not even a bad Jew. There is enough of Elijah left in him to make of him the eternal Underground against tyranny.

It behooves every Jew to embrace this truth in the charges

of his enemy with gratitude and a grin.

A Yale Scholar

I have read many books dealing with the "truths" of the Jew's place in the world. Our scientists and scholars have been unusually busy of late measuring Jewish noses, occiputs and thigh bones; investigating Jewish migrations and European demonology; discussing the Jew's vanishing culture and interest in God (and seeing in this a fine hope for his future well-being); or dealing more soberly than yesterday with the great murder mystery—"Who Killed Christ—the Jews or the Romans?" (Or the Germans?)

All the professorial books, whether they are tender or cold, whether they accuse or disprove, strike me as part of the great library of evasion the world has piled up on the subject of the Jew. I read—and marvel that so many honorable and learned minds should continue to seek solution and explanation of "the ancient Jewish problem" by blindfolding themselves with the word Jew. Not in the Jew, but in thyself, good professor, lies the peritonitis.

Of the many professors, I select one to look at here. He has no particular importance, nor does he make his points with literary distinction. He is an ordinary scientist writing in an ordinary way—which is why I select him. His opinions have the value of being typical of the borderline of anti-Semitism where most of the blindfolded sages lurk.

He is Raymond Kennedy, Professor of Sociology at Yale University. As sociologist, he has studied the "Jewish problem" and discovered that it exists. He writes (in "Jews in a Gentile World," published by The Macmillan Company, New York) that among the student body at Yale there is a pronounced aversion to Jews.

This is not particularly news. I have never been to Yale (in any capacity) but I have heard tales that indicate that anti-Semitism is one of the sub-rosa courses of that institution. If a Yale college boy cannot row, swim, jump, run, or get the hang of the arts and sciences, he can, nonetheless, achieve great distinction (and win a sort of social Y) by prowling the campus and snubbing Jews. I understand, also, the the best Yale anti-Semites are secretly made into a team each year, and sent to Harvard University to compete with the best Jew-haters in its halls of learning. I am told that in thirty-five years of this series, the Yale contingent has never won a contest, due to the fact that one or two Jews always manage to sneak on the Yale team.

Hearsay being my only witness on college anti-Semitism, I must skip over Professor Kennedy's remarks concerning it. Yale college boys are apparently too proud to eat with Jews, says the Professor, and the Jewish students are too nervous to foist themselves on their Gentile college chums. For all I know, it may be the other way around—at least I have often found it so in areas off the campus.

From his Yale springboard, Professor Kennedy vaults into wider fields. He writes that in the United States as a whole there is a similarly definite feeling that Jews are given "to avarice, cunning, sharp dealing, clannishness, crudity of manners, and internationalism." (The Professor's politics may be glimpsed in his climatic criminal word "internationalism.")

Dr. Kennedy then offers the theory, first reassuring everybody that he is writing as a scientist, and not as a man of

bias (like the professors who wrote of Semmelweis) that the American Jews are a case, God help them, and present caste problems similar to that of the Negro.

Comparing Jews to Negroes is a rather recent scientific hobby and a step for both the Jew and the Negro in the professorial debates. It was not so long ago that Negroes were being compared chiefly to anthropoid apes, and Jews to demons hatched under gibbous moons. How much more valid and entertaining it would be to compare a white trash Alabama coon-hater with a white trash New England Jew hater! What is it they have in common? What, if any, political, psychiatric, and glandular maladjustment belong to both these citizens?

But back to Dr. Kennedy. "The caste," he defines, "is a strictly hereditary group. Those born into it can never rise out of it into a higher caste... It seems likely that a major proportion of (American) non-Jews regard the status of the (Jewish) group as fixed and immutable. Other nationalities are encouraged and expected to move rapidly toward assimilation—but the Jews, even though they may adopt the outward aspects of American culture, are supposed to remain a group apart."

I pause to underline the phrase "even though they may adopt." There's a picture for you of the Semite reluctantly and infrequently shedding his Chasidic curls and his phylacteries, and stepping gingerly into a theater for a look at Errol Flynn.

It is careful work—being a professor. Observe Prof. Kennedy, building up, phrase by phrase, his anti-Jewish vocabulary. This is extra, over and above his labor as an observer of the American scene—or beneath it, if you like. Thus:

"They (the Jews) are certainly discouraged from mingling freely with Gentile fellow-citizens," he continues. "We even find the term 'passing' used to indicate the process by which Jews conceal their ancestry, and, often changing their names, disappear into the mass of Gentile society. The parallel with the negro case is obvious. With all this, however, the Jews are not so completely shut off from assimilation as the negroes." (Sorry, Sambo, but this is a mighty keen professor, and he ought to know.) "At the very least, being white, they can 'pass' easily... The hereditary out-group allocation of the Jews is not so strictly enforced as that of the other racial minorities (negroes), still they encounter barriers which other white immigrant groups do not face. They occupy an intermediate quasi-caste position."

Here the Professor seems to have frightened himself into promoting the Jews from the ordinary low-down "caste" to an "intermediate quasi-caste," which shows you that, scientist though he is, his heart is in the right place.

One is not a professor for nothing. In addition to a generous heart, Prof. Kennedy is given to fair-mindedness. He now examines, as I have urged my readers to do, the anti-Semite cranium. I quote:

"The success of Jews in business or the professions is not generally praised, rather it is regarded as a threat. They are not said to have 'made a success' of the clothing business and cinema industry, they have 'got control' of them. Usually this claim is accompanied by the assertion that wherever they do gain control they squeeze Gentiles out by their clannishness and unethical business dealings... Bright Jewish students are not given full credit for intel-

MY WORD!

By BEN KELSON

NOW we have heard everything—what with Nazis wearing yellow arm-bands in Lodz, with Hitler making himself up to look like a Jew and with Budapest Nazis buying Jewish identification papers—it looks like things are getting topsyturvy, and that the world's veering. The world's a weather-vane anyway, and veers with the wind; maybe the wind's blowing fair weather in our direction, a new Springtime, the end of storms and a better world. Who knows? The strangest things have happened in the last few years. Maybe soon we'll be wondering what to do with a flock of would-be converts, knocking at our gates.

If there were any logic in men's minds, it certainly would come to something like this. For surely the world's worst haters and destroyers should now be the most hated of men; and the word Nazi from the Day of Liberation and Victory and onward forever should be the world's worst word, the most horrid expletive in all vocabularies. And surely, then, the harried world, decimated by the Nazis, should veer away from them forever, and veer toward those against whom the discredited Nazis have vented their spleen—the Jews.

lectual superiority, but their Gentile fellows attribute their success to almost inhuman concentration on study."

This last is a rather pathetic piece of inside Yale information, and offers a startling picture of how study is regarded by the Gentile sons of Old Eli.

(Continued Next Week)

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Between You and Me

By BORIS SMOLAR



THE American Zionist Emergency Committee is making an effort to secure an appointment with President Roosevelt. ... They want to hear from him more concerning what he learned about the Jewish problem from King Ibn Saud in five minutes. ... They also hope that he may hint as to what is in store for Palestine as a result of the Crimean Conference of the "Big Three." ... Some Zionist leaders are pretty certain that when Dr. Chaim Weiz-

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man comes to the United States, he and Ben-Gurion will be given an opportunity to appear before one of the commissions of the forthcoming conference of the United Nations at San Francisco. ... They argue logically that if the San Francisco Conference takes up the question of establishing a new status of mandated territories now belonging to the League of Nations, the Jewish Agency will have to be formally consulted with regard to the Palestine mandate since the Agency is the internationally recognized official body on matters concerning this mandate. ... And one cannot dissolve a partnership without consulting the partners. ... Especially since the Arab attitude towards a change in the Palestine mandate will be voiced at the San Francisco parley by the delegates from Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and other Arab countries. ... It is taken for granted that Dr. Weizman, although desiring Jewish unity, will prefer that the Jewish Agency remain aloof from other Jewish groups who might like to secure a hearing on Jewish problems at the commissions of the San Francisco Conference. ... The reason is simple: No Jewish group enjoys an official status, as representation being, naturally, limited to matters dealing with Jewish interests in Palestine. ... Thus the case of the Jewish Agency has a more solid legal basis than the case of any other Jewish body. ...

The British Embassy in Washington is assuring journalists that when the Palestine immigration quota is filled under the terms of the White Paper, Jewish immigration will be continued "on some scale." ... Only about 3,000 immigration permits are left under the White Paper quota. ... They will be exhausted next month. ... It is believed that the new quota may be about 2,000 a month. ... It can now be revealed that the Zionists are ZIONIST planning to spend \$8,000,000 in the United States for machinery and tools for Jewish enterprises in Palestine. ... The British government agreed to this arrangement, providing the money spent will come from Zionist collections in the United States. ... In connection with this transaction, Eliezer Kaplan, treasurer of the Jewish Agency executive, is soon to arrive here from Palestine. ... An American-Palestine Chamber of Commerce will be established in New York to facilitate trade between Palestine and the United States. ... Meanwhile, the British government has placed a large order for oranges in Spain instead of in Palestine. ... This order will greatly affect the export of oranges from Palestine this year. ... In case you don't know—and few do know—Britain has completed a new modern highway through Transjordan from Damascus to the port of Akaba on

the Red Sea. ... The highway by-passes Palestine, and enables much Middle East commerce to reach the Red Sea without using the Suez Canal. ... This is one of the steps taken by Britain in preparation for the time when the Suez Canal reverts to Egypt. ... Don't underestimate the appointment by the State Department of Loy Henderson as head of its Near Eastern division replacing the anti-Zionist Murray. ... Henderson is an authority on Russia and the Near East. ...

The contribution which the Jewish cooperative movement in Palestine has made to the economic development of the country is excellently presented in "World Cooperation" by Dr. Noah Barou just published in London. ... Dr. Barou, a well-known Jewish leader in England, is one of the world's foremost authorities on the cooperative movement, and his study deals with the growth of this movement in all countries of the world during the last hundred years. ... The chapter on Palestine describes the rich diversity of co-

COOPERATIVE WORLD

operatives that has sprung into existence there during the last 25 years. ... It establishes that there are in Palestine today 134 Jewish collective settlements and 70 cooperative settlements with a population of 45,000 people and with a capital investment of about 20 million dollars. ... There are two central cooperative marketing agencies, numerous industrial cooperatives, a large cooperative society of building contractors, 109 credit cooperatives, a number of housing cooperatives engaged in building houses for workers, and 23 cooperative transport societies which carry on long-and-short distance passenger bus services and transport of goods. ... Compared with the Jewish movement, Arab cooperatives are undeveloped and are limited to 115 credit-and-thrift societies with only 4,600 members. ... The author comes to the conclusion that the future of Arab cooperatives in Palestine depends a good deal upon closer collaboration with the Jewish cooperative movement there, and, therefore, upon post-war Arab-Jewish relationships. ...

The possibility of settling 25,000 Jews from the Balkan countries in the Belgian Congo is now being discussed with the Belgian government. ... Reports in Washington have it that the Nazis are now releasing Jews from concentration camps at the rate of 20 dollars for each Jew. ... This is how the 1,200 Jews from the Bergen-Belzen camp were released and permitted to proceed to Switzerland. ...

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The Talmud is a vast encyclopaedia of ancient lore pertaining to every aspect of life of the Jewish people. It comprises the learned discussions of the academies of Palestine and Babylonia during a period of approximately 500 years from the first pre-Christian century to the sixth post-Christian century. Its contents may roughly be classified as Halakha, or regulations of an authoritative character affecting practical every-day conduct; and Hagadah, non-legal material, such as exegesis, history, folklore, philosophy, etc., which had no binding character.

The Halakha, or authoritative legislation of the Talmud, in spite of the fact that it represents various layers of historical development, almost invariably upholds the principle of equal rights for the law-abiding citizen, Jew and non-Jew alike, except in ceremonial matters. This juridic principle was based upon the recognition of the equality of all human beings whose code of conduct obliged them to practice the so-called seven Noahidian laws of humanity, namely, the observance of civil laws, prohibition of blasphemy, idolatry, lust, bloodshed, robbery and eating a limb of a living animal. Included among the adherents of the Noahidian laws were not only members of all monotheistic religions like Christians and Mohammedans, but even persons nominally pagans who lived up to this standard. Indeed, the teachers of the Talmud deduced this principle from the very words of the Scriptures.

To further strengthen this principle of equality before the Jewish law, Samuel, the famous head of a Babylonian academy in the third century, laid down the maximum that the secular law of the (non-Jewish) state in which Jews lived, that is, the law pertaining to civil and political affairs, was to be regarded as a religiously binding Jewish law. This principle was subsequently recognized by all Jewish authorities.

Indeed, it was powerfully implemented, in favor non-Jews, by the moral prohibition of "Hillul ha Shem," profanation of the name of God and his Torah (Bible): "To harm a non-Jew is considered even a greater sin than to harm a Jew, because the former act may lead to a 'profanation of the name.'"

Equality before the law was, however, not conceded to the heathen peoples mentioned in the Bible who did not come up to the standard of the Noahidians. In discussing the ancient heathens retrospectively, the scholars of the Talmud deduced their different status from the need of safeguarding the religious life of the monotheistic community against degrading heathen influences. Similarly, the Talmud refuses to grant equality to Jewish individuals whose habitual deviation from social behavior was notorious in the community.

It should also be stated that in times of political stress, for instance, during the Hadrianic Wars, the equilibrium between Jews and non-Jews was profound-

ly disturbed and the granting of equal rights was temporarily suspended. A contemporary illustration would be the American attitude towards Nazis.

In normal times, then, only unsocial elements, whether Jews or non-Jews, were deprived of full rights by the Jewish law. In spite of this patent fact, anti-Semitic writers have maliciously charged that the Jews apply a different standard in their dealings with all non-Jews. Protestant and Catholic scholars have repeatedly exposed this libel, as have courts of law. Among the outstanding books may be mentioned "Israel Among the Nations" by Joseph Bloch. This book contains a carefully documented account of the famous Rohling case which was tried before a Vienna court in 1883 to 1885. The court was called upon to adjudicate the charges brought by Professor August Rohling of the University of Prague against the Jewish community to the effect that "the Jew was authorized by his religion to exploit non-Jews in every way." Rohling published his accusations in a widely distributed pamphlet which bristled with alleged quotations from the Talmud and other Jewish writings. Dr. Joseph Bloch, rabbi and member of the Austrian Parliament, in a series of articles in a promi-

nent Vienna daily charged that Rohling was neither morally nor scientifically fit to criticize the Talmud, that his quotations from the Talmud, the Shulkhan Arukh and the Zohar (mystical Jewish writings) were egregious falsifications and, in part, sheer fiction. He offered the sum of 3,000 taler if Rohling could prove that he was able to read a single page of the Talmud chosen at random. The court was anxious to obtain expert opinion on the points at issue and selected two authorities suggested by the German Association of Orientalists and by the Catholic Rector of the University of Vienna. As Rohling requested, they were "full-blooded" Christians, namely, Prof. Theodore Noeldeke of the University of Strassburg and Prof. August Wuensche of Dresden. Additional experts were also called in. After two and half years a report was ready. The trial was to start November 18, 1885, but before the hearings began Rohling withdrew all his charges. He was sentenced to pay the cost of the trial and was dismissed from his position at the University.

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COUNCIL DIRECTOR SAYS ZIONISM TIES MEMBERS TO JEWISH STATE IDEA

To the editor,

I should like to introduce my friend, Mr. Chacham, to plain Mr. Hillel the Zionist Organization member who occasionally conducts Mr. Segal's column.

Recently Mr. Hillel wrote that he is a Zionist who is horribly confused by the way the Zionist leaders are pulling him around this way and that. Mr. Hillel joined the Zionist movement thinking it had to do simply with the idea of making Palestine a good place to live in for homeless Jews. What was Mr. Hillel's distress to discover that he had signed up as a member of a political party to establish a Jewish state? Mr. Hillel wants only one nationality, which is American.

My friend Mr. Chacham should like to meet Mr. Hillel in order to make his mind clear as to just what Zionism means in the minds of its leaders. Mr. Chacham, too, was a Zionist until, like Mr. Hillel, he became resentful at the way he was being used by the leaders. Then he decided, since this is a free country, to find out what it was all about and to speak his mind.

So, Mr. Chacham did a simple thing. He studied the Zionist movement. The result of that remarkable decision to know something about a movement to which he belonged is that he could say to Mr. Hillel first of all, "My dear Mr. Hillel, your fundamental mistake is believing that there is such a thing as Zionism without Jewish nationalism. You know—considering Jews as a nation." And he would quote to Mr. Hillel, chapter and verse, from all of the official Zionists who have ever been; the Zionists who have determined Zionist doctrine from Herzl and Gotthell, to Silver, Wise, and Goldstein.

And then, he would say to Mr. Hillel, "That being the situation, what do you expect? When you joined the Zionist organization you practically sent a prepaid telegram to Dr. Wise, Dr. Silver and Dr. Goldstein, telling them that you agreed that Jews were a nation, a 'homeless' people, whose highest political aspirations centered in a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine."

Of course, Mr. Hillel might deny having sent this prepaid telegram by saying, "That isn't so. I am a Zionist but I don't believe in a Jewish state or Commonwealth."

But Mr. Chacham would be ready for that one. He would say, "Yes, I know. Some of my best friends are Zionists who don't want a Jewish state or commonwealth. And because they have not bothered to inquire a little like me, they are always angry like you about not being asked by Zionist leaders who go to Washington and report to the House Foreign Affairs Committee that they represent ninety-five per cent of the Jews!"

And then, very tactfully, Mr. Chacham would say, "Mr. Hillel, you have no one to blame but yourself. The fact is when you joined the Zionist organization you gave Dr. Wise, Dr. Silver and Dr. Goldstein a blank check. You signed a card which said you agreed to the Basel Program."

Mr. Hillel, who had never heard of the Basel Program, would enter another denial. But is one of the youngest judges on Mr. Chacham would be prepared the bench here.

for that one too. He would show Mr. Hillel the Zionist Organization membership blank which Mr. Hillel signed.

And then, Mr. Chacham would explain the Basel Program, which is really quite open and frank in declaring that the purpose of Zionism "is to create for the Jewish people a publicly secured, legally assured home."

So it would become clear that Mr. Hillel gave Dr. Wise and Dr. Silver and Dr. Goldstein a green light to use his, Mr. Hillel's, name as in agreement with all this. Mr. Hillel gave that consent when he told Mr. Goldbaum to sign the application blank in the Zionist Organization for him and to take his \$6.00 dues and get out of Hillel's Haberdashery so he, Mr. Hillel, could wait on the next customer.

Mr. Chacham would also inform Mr. Hillel that Zionist leaders have always interpreted "publicly secured, legally assured home" to mean a National Jewish State or Commonwealth in Palestine.

And then, Mr. Hillel, being a practical man, would realize at last that since he did sign his name to that membership card, he should expect such things as he complains about—the political antics of Zionist leaders, the throwing of political brick-bats, the pestering of political leaders, like the President of the United States—all in Mr. Hillel's name.

And then, if Mr. Hillel were impressed with Mr. Chacham's wisdom and asked him what to do about this problem he would be able to advise him. He would tell you that the only way to stop those who would play the role of Jewish Caesars is to get out of their army—the Zionist Organization. And that, believe it or not, if Mr. Hillel doesn't like the Jewish Caesars' proposed nation, he can just move out of it—into America.

Mr. Chacham would try to impress Mr. Hillel and you with the urgency of organizing to emancipate Jews. For Mr. Chacham has learned that mere dissent from an organized idea is not enough to be left in peace; that sometimes, even the greatest individualists must organize and pursue a better course.

I think Mr. Hillel might find a real psychological lift in being in company with like-minded people, in an organized way. And he would find that that psychological life was ever so much better than the obvious irritation and frustration that Mr. Hillel reveals because no one asks him about what Dr. Wise, Dr. Silver and Dr. Goldstein should say in his name when they go to Washington.

Very sincerely yours,

ELMER BERGER

Executive Director,
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Judge Wins Battle To Get Into Army

LOS ANGELES—A year-long battle to enter the U. S. Army was won by Judge Stanley Mosk, 35, who recently was re-elected judge. He had been turned down because of faulty eyesight. Judge Mosk would enter another denial. But is one of the youngest judges on Mr. Chacham would be prepared the bench here.

Property Restrictions Upheld, But Judge Denounces Bias

By WILFRED LIST

Jewish Post Correspondent

TORONTO—A scathing denunciation of religious and racial discrimination and the "perpetuation of ghettos" in Canada through restrictive clauses in land deeds was delivered here by a senior judge of the Supreme Court of Ontario.

Though the judge found that the Provincial Anti-Racial Discrimination act does not apply to restrictive clauses in land deed, he expressed himself in forthright terms of what he thought of the principle behind "No Jews Need Apply" as embodied in these discriminatory land and property deeds.

The case in question was a motion by the owners of a property requesting a ruling that a clause stipulating that the land or any buildings erected on it must not be sold or occupied by any persons "other than Gentiles (non-Semitic) of European or British or Irish or Scottish ancestry" did not contravene the Province's anti-discrimination act. This act, which the judge described as a "worthy step in the proper direction" prohibits the publishing or display of material discriminating against any person or class of persons because of their race or creed.

In the strongest language yet used by a judge of the highest court of the Province and perhaps one of the most outspoken denunciations of racial discrimination practised in Canada, to be heard in this country, the judge, Mr. Justice Chevrier, a Roman Catholic, denounced those who discriminate against the Jew.

Congress Says 'No' To Committee Bid

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK—The American Jewish Congress has announced that it has declined the invitation of Judge Joseph M. Proskauer, president of the American Jewish Committee, to join in "an informal conference" with a view toward developing common action on the basis of a three-point post-war program presented by its Peace Problems Committee.

In a letter to Judge Proskauer Rabbi Irving Miller, chairman of the Congress executive committee, declared that the Congress as a constituent part of the American Jewish Conference cannot undertake to join with Jewish bodies which are outside of the Conference. Such action, the letter declared, "would be destructive of the unity of American Jewry" which was established through the American Jewish Conference.

Finds Paper Source Of Enlightenment

To the editor,

I can't resist the opportunity to add my voice to the many others who have and are finding your paper a source of much enlightenment on matters pertaining to Jewry, both here and abroad. Keep up the good work.

SAM BIERFIELD

Louisville, Ky.

JIR To Mark Founder's Day

Special

NEW YORK—In observance of Founders Day of the Jewish Institute of Religion, its alumni will sponsor a dinner Sunday evening, March 18, in the Grand Ball Room of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Linked with the 71st birthday of Dr. Stephen S. Wise, president and founder of the Institute, this celebration will be the occasion of the reunion of alumni and the gathering of representatives of congregations they serve.

Jews in Sports

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By HASKELL COHEN

☆ Old Home Week

YOU might call this "old home week" since our column deals with a few oldtimers. There's a wealth of material in the veteran athletes that always makes for good copy. We ran Ruby Goldstein, pardon us, Sgt. Ruby Goldstein, after the Joyce-Ike Williams fight the other night. Ruby must have enjoyed that fight since Joyce proved himself to be a fighter much along the lines that Ruby used to be when he was the "idol of the Ghetto."



The years roll along quickly and fame is fleeting so that many of the fight fans have already forgotten the kid who used to be a picture fighter. A new generation has come along and the Ruby Goldsteins remain only a memory. Actually Ruby is still a very young man. He has to be to stay in the Army.

As the crowd filed out of the Garden after the great upset by Joyce few of the thrilled spectators threw a second glance at the good looking man in a seagant's uniform. We noticed, as we discussed a few pertinent topics of the day with Goldstein, that few if any recognized the boy who too many years ago thrilled the fans in the house that Tex Ricard built. However, Ruby is content with his lot.

"I teach the kids at Camp Shanks how to use their dukers," explained the former ghetto favorite. "For good measure I toss in a little judo and generally build up the bodies of our soldiers stationed there."

Frank Forbes a veteran fight judge passed by and stopped to exchange some good natured banter with us at this point. Eventually he turned toward me and remarked, "Not because this guy is here right now, but because he deserves it I want to go on record as saying that Ruby is one of the better fight referees in the game today. You don't know he is in the ring when he handles a bout. He lets the boys at each other and keeps out of their way as much as possible. A funny thing, Ruby and I usually aren't very far off in our points when it comes to judging a fight that we both work together."

You see Ruby is now a referee for the New York State Boxing Commission and together with Benny Leonard and Otto Young or Arthur Susskind gives the Yehudim three competent ring arbiters in the state of New York. Speaking of Arthur Susskind reminds me that he worked the Joyce-Williams shindy and only separated the fighters three times in twelve rounds, something of a record, and also an indication of a great fight. Of course as usual Mike Jacobs didn't suffer any harm at the turnstiles that night, either.

REMEMBER Jake Levy? He was another of John McGraw's big Jewish baseball players. Well Jacob is getting along in years now, he's 44 years old but still a capable hurler. At 44 a guy is supposed to be ready for the baseball scrap heap, but not Jake. Portsmouth of the Piedmont League sold his contract last December to Toronto in the International loop. Jake is against the move as he doesn't like the cold weather in Canada and still hopes he can stay in Virginia where he has so many fans.

To give an idea how well he pitched last year the records show he came through with 14 wins against 12 losses while twirling 210 innings. He is considered quite fast yet despite his years. One thing is certain, Portsmouth fans are going to miss his violin playing. Yes, Yankel is quite a man with a fiddle. There are some who say he should have remained with the violin for he has a great talent with that instrument. Hardly a season passes by that Jake doesn't play several times for the fans either in the park or at civic gatherings.

ANOTHER Levey, this one Jim with an "e," hit the news this week when the versatile Pittsburgh boy, former St. Louis Brown shortstop, was appointed manager of the Jamestown club in the Bony League. As baseball is rated Jamestown is a class "D" league town, the lowest in organized ball. However, Harry Bisgair aggressive owner has made it into the finest class "D" town in the country. In four years the town team has drawn 450,000 paid attendance, something to marvel at when you consider several Class Double AA teams would be willing to say the same for their attendance.

Levey should make a splendid manager. Never a heavy hitter Jimmy excelled on the field. In recent summers he performed with Buffalo and was more or less of an idol in upstate New York. Jimmy is one of those natural athletes that finds all sports easy. For a while he even played halfback on the Pittsburgh Steelers football team in the National League. A light back he proved elusive as a jack rabbit and ate up yardage to compare with the better name backs in the statistic columns. His fear of injury finally forced him to give up the gridiron, but while he performed he set a record that will always stand, a big leaguer in baseball and football.

WE were among the many who watched pro basketball return to St. Nicholas Arena in New York City on a recent Sunday night. The Philly Hebrews opposed the New York Gothams opening night, in a game that went to the championship Sphas outfit. Our attention was rivited to Lou Spindell, one of the best pro players of all times. Lou must be pushing forty now and is back only because the war has called so many younger fellows to the colors.

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Giants Sign Up Mickey Weintraub; In Service 2 Years

Special
BROOKLYN — Lt. Milton (Mickey) Weintraub, former CCNY baseball star, has been signed to a contract by the New York Giants and reported to the Mel Ott managed club in Lakewood.

A recent discharge from Uncle Sam's Aid Corps, Lt. Weintraub, (no relation to the present Giant Phil Weintraub), spent two years overseas in the Southwest Pacific zone. He has a Master's degree in journalism and has ambitions to be an actor if his baseball career doesn't pan out.

After college, he played with two minor league clubs, Sioux Falls in the Western League and Lancaster in the Inter-State. He's a shortstop.

Leah Thall Wins Ohio Table Tennis Open; Eyes National Title

Special
COLUMBUS, Ohio—Miss Leah Thall, Columbus, holder of many table tennis championships, retained the Ohio Open title here last week by defeating Barbara Cannon of Toledo in the deciding match of the women's singles, 21-12, 21-15 and 21-14. Leah also shared the mixed doubles with John Varga, nationally known star from South Bend, Ind.

However, Leah had to be content with the runner-up spot in the women's doubles. Playing with Betty Shafer of Columbus, she lost out in the finals to her sister, Thelma, and Barbara Cannon of Toledo.

Miss Thall is eyeing the Na-



Oh, Girls, Here's a Pin-up Boy for You—640 Pounds!

Martin Levy, Jewish behemoth of the mat—he weighs 640 pounds—poses for a couple of pictures above. Levy, only 29



years old, is wrestling Pat Healy, Irish giant, in the photo at right. Levy can pack in the customers.

tional tournament, slated for St. Louis, Mo., next month. She's ranked second nationally and was runner-up to Miss Sally Green for the national women's singles last year. She won the women's doubles with Helen Baldwin.

Max Hersh of Detroit paired with John Varga to win the men's doubles of the Ohio Open.

Cohen May Manage Elmira in Eastern Loop

Special
ELMIRA, N. Y.—Andy Cohen, former New York Giant and Minneapolis Miller, is being mentioned as a managerial candidate for the local club in the Eastern Baseball League. Andy was recently honorably discharged from the army.

fight stories out of Pittsburgh have been carrying a name of Lou Schwartz, Columbus, Ohio. . . . That should be Mutt Shartz. . . . No, he's not Jewish. . . . A crowd of 7,400 booed for about 10 minutes in Milwaukee on March 7 when the referee awarded a decision to Maxie Shapiro, New York, over Juste Fontaine, Milwaukee, after 10 rounds of very interesting fighting. Both weighed in at 134½ and the win evened the score for Shapiro, who lost a disputed decision to Fontaine on Jan. 1.

Leslie Goldstein, who was regarded as an understudy for Frank McCormick, Cincinnati first sacker, has notified General Manager Warren Giles he would not report for spring training. He'll report for induction instead.

The Chicago Clubs service list includes two Jewish players, Seymour Block, a third baseman, and Marvin Felderman, a catcher. Block is in the Coast Guard and Feldman in the Navy.

Sam Nahem, who has pitched for several major league clubs and also several in the minors, is still pitching during his service days. He's in the Army, but his present whereabouts are unknown.

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SPORTS

By LOU BERLINER

BARNEY ROSS, former world's welterweight boxing crown wearer who did heroic work while serving in the Marine Corps during the current war, is trying to arrange for a welterweight championship match for Los Angeles sometime next June. According to reports, Ross wired the present title holder, Fred (Red) Cochrane an offer of \$35,000 to meet Los Angeles' Jimmy Doyle.

Sgt. **Danny Rosenbaum**, former Michigan State track star, is still doing his stuff on the cinder path. He finished second in the 100 yard dash of a recent interallied track meet held in Oran.

The annual Iowa State men's A.A.U. basketball tournament is being held in the Jewish Center gymnasium in Des Moines.

Ace Freeman, well known New York wrestler, is campaigning in the middle-west and has been making a good showing in the junior heavy-weight class.

Harry Rudolph, Eastern league umpire, was up for induction in the Navy. He was to go on the same day he reached his 38th birthday.

Al Schacht, veteran baseball comedian, who already has toured Africa and the Southwest Pacific to entertain the folks in service, will go to the Europe on his next trip for the USO.

FISTICUFFS — Al (Bummy) Davis of Brooklyn scored a fourth round knockout over Solomon Stewart of Providence, R. I. in Brooklyn last week. . . . Recent

JEWS IN SPORTS

(Continued from preceding page)

For an old guy, Lou still speeds around the court belying his years for five minutes at a crack. Were he the Spindell of old, the Gothams would be higher than fifth place in the American League standings.

There you have it, short stories on men around the forty mark. Do you need any more to show how the war has affected sports? You also have your answer as to whether or not the grade of sports is on a par today with sports in normal times. These fellows were all great performers in their day but are merely hollow shells of their former selves. They continue because the country wants sports no matter how it compares in quality with former years. You have to give these men a lot of credit, it takes guts to punish the body after thirty years, you ought to know, for that climb upstairs generally is your limit. Hats off to these veterans of the wars!



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Friday, March 16, 1945

Almost any paper gets many anti-Semitic letters and just naturally ignores them, for in most cases it is obvious that the writers are cranks or illiterates.

However, I got one letter this week, which because it comes from someone with an education, and even it might be said, from someone who is inclined to have some respect for others, is a little alarming.

Here is the letter, so we can proceed together in our thinking from here:

It is my opinion and a million others that there are too many Jews in the country now.

If you could persuade them to act more like human beings and not such greedy, grasping parasites then you would really be doing something.

In regards to that sermon delivered by the Rev. John Haynes Holmes, I never read anything in Grimm's fairy tales to compare to it. It is my opinion that we should be rewarded for what we do, not for what our ancestors did years ago. If that were the case I would still be getting homage for what my grandfather did in the Civil war.

No one in this country is ever disliked for their nationality or religion, but for the many things they do as individuals.

Then, too, the many ways they tried to get out of this war and succeeded in many cases did not help their case any.

When they consent to take their fair share and not ask for more, then there is no reason why they should be disliked or persecuted. That is mentioned in the line of constructive criticism, as no one would more like to see all people live in harmony than I would.

The letter comes from Cleveland, and is from a lady. It is signed, but I don't think I'll print the signature.

Notice how the letter repeats the stock lies about the Jews. Most shocking is where she accuses the Jews of trying to "get out of this war."

The letter is symptomatic. It shows that despite all the millions of dollars being spent by

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Editorial Page

Not Tremendous Growth; Public Merely Being Informed

IN considering the numerous recent outbreaks of anti-Semitic incidents and the reports of discrimination in various organizations, it should be remembered that this situation does not indicate the tremendous growth of anti-Semitism in the United States that at first glance it might seem to do.

What is happening now is a ferreting out of these incidents, and the reporting of them to the public. This is altogether a step in the right direction, for certainly no antidote to the evil can be administered until a real knowledge of its extent and danger is ascertained.

These outbreaks, and, for instance, the one reported in this issue of The Post of the scurrilous destruction in the rabbi's home in Philadelphia, must have been known all the time, as they occurred, to the anti-Defamation League. The sin against the Jewish public was

in keeping these incidents from them, all the while ADL executives paraded around the country decrying the growth of anti-Semitism, but never being specific enough so that people would believe that they were doing aught but crying, "wolf! wolf!"

But now the Jewish public is being informed. It is obvious that action of a decided kind is needed. There must be a merger of all civic defense organizations. It is hardly possible for these organizations to continue to operate as they do, each vying with the other. No one says that the mere fact of the merger will automatically cause anti-Semitic activities to stop. But at least the Jewish public would have some assurance that the best minds are being applied to protecting the position of the Jew, and there would be the point that these people would be responsible to the Jewish public of the United States.

How Any Jewish Group Could Sink So Low

IT is almost impossible to believe that any Jewish group would sink so low as to actually place itself on record either against Jewish immigration into Palestine, or what amounts to the same thing, being in favor "of the largest possible Jewish immigration to Palestine that can be effected without bringing about conflict with the Arabs."

And so The Jewish Fellowship, British counterpart of the American Council for Judaism, carries to the inevitable conclusion its fight against a Jewish Palestine.

Fortunately there is little harm that can

be done by the cause of a Jewish Commonwealth either by The Jewish Fellowship or the American Council for Judaism. In the opinion of The Post, these organizations are years too far for a Commonwealth. There is more danger late to mean anything whatsoever in the fight that the Zionists may overemphasize the importance of these groups and so let that factor influence Zionist policy, than there is in anything these groups may do that can have any effect on the eventual solution to the Palestine problem.

Jewish Leadership Should Take A Position

IT did not require repetition by War Manpower Commissioner McNutt to bring home the fact that jobs for all is the best guarantee against post-war fascism and its concomitant, anti-Semitism, in the United States, yet there are vast parts of the Jewish community which accept this fact but do not permit it to affect their thinking and actions.

Assuming that intelligent governing plan-

ning and wholehearted cooperation of business are necessary for full employment, then Jewish leadership should be overwhelmingly on the side of those who are fighting to see that at least some effort is made to bring about the 60,000,000 jobs needed.

Except for the rabbinate, no recognized Jewish group has been fit to take a position in this matter which so evidently means so much to every part of the population.

Current Comment

Hebrew U. is the Harvard, Princeton, Yale, the Oxford and Cambridge of World Jewry, Prof. Leon Roth, Says—The Hebrew University, of the whole Jewish world; and the body of the Jewish world altho' its heart be in Palestine, is bounded only by the confines of the globe.

I like to think of the University of Jerusalem as the Harvard and Princeton and Yale, the Oxford and Cambridge, of world Jewry. These universities are universities not for their own countries. They are the spiritual centers of the whole English speaking world. They take in, and give out, year by year, men from all the far flung corners of the Anglo-Saxon world, and imbue them with their spirit.

The vision I have of the Hebrew University is just that: A Citadel of the Jewish Spirit, but a citadel with its portals wide open, taking in, and giving out, redeemed and refreshed the bearers of the Jewish mind. But I see it as more even than a citadel. I see it as a living temple dedicated not only to the preservation of the Jewish heritage but to its recreation in ever new and varied forms. In that sense I claim for Palestine and the University every living Jewish soul, and willing to battle, in the name, and with the help of Palestine and the University, for every living Jewish soul.

For the Jewish soul is very sick. We have been shattered more than we realize by the shocks we have been made to endure. We need in the spiritual, no less than in the physical sphere, help, redemption and salvation. And I should dare affirm that, if we take a long view, die,—if the spiritual help is needed even more vitally than physical help. If the spirit is weak, the strongest body will die,—if the spirit is strong, the weakest body will live. Ultimately strength is the strength of the spirit.

Jews in Glass House and Can Determine Future in U. S., Dr. Solomon Liptzin Says in The Jewish Post of Winnipeg—The mid-twentieth century is most critical period in the integration of the Jews in the culture of the American continent. Hence, a new consciousness must arise among them, a greater awareness of every individual's responsibility toward the

ancestral group, a knowledge that whatever a Jew says or does has public currency and helps to mould America's future attitude toward Jews as a whole.

Jews in America need not succumb to persecution-mania and accept as unalterable a tragic destiny as victims of an ancient unfortunate legend rooted in the subconscious soul of their neighbors. Nor need Jews fall a prey to security-mania, refusing to recognize the existence of anti-Jewishness in wide circles throughout the land and hence the true instability of their present social and economic status. On the contrary, Jews are in a position to determine their future to a considerable extent, though not entirely. They can do so by their behaviour during the mid-twentieth century decades. They cannot yet afford the luxury that others may indulge in, the luxury of relaxing from their best behavior. They must continue to give of themselves to this land, to make sacrifices beyond a normal share, to ally themselves with forward-looking, liberal forces. They must not sink into humility nor offend by forwardness, but they must be more honest in their business-relationships than non-Jews, they must be more forbearing in their disputes with adversaries than non-Jews, they must be more considerate of their neighbors' sensitiveness, they must be ever aware that their every act, their every trait, their every word is, rightly or wrongly, interpreted as symbolic of universal Jewish acts, traits, and opinions.

It is not pleasant to live in a glass house, deprived of privacy. It is not pleasant to be constantly exposed to the public glare. It is not pleasant to know that one is again being weighed in the balance, that in the lands of freedom and in the twentieth century one is still on probation. Jews must, however, cherish the hope that they will not be found wanting, that their period of probation will not be too protracted, that America will ultimately receive their contributions not with cool tolerance but with pride and joy, integrating the Jewish instrument into its wonderful cultural orchestra.

our defense agencies, anti-Semitic propaganda is still gaining, and it is gaining ground in groups which heretofore were more or less immune to it.

I hate to generalize from merely one letter. But I still think that all the news of anti-Semitic outburst and attacks which we have been printing in the past few weeks, would indicate that there must be a merger of all civic defense agencies, and as soon as possible.

Wonder why Henry Monahan doesn't do something about this? He could, you know.

Report Oil Discovered In South Palestine

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
JERUSALEM—The Arab press reports the discovery of "considerable quantities of oil somewhere between the Dead Sea and the Egyptian border." The discovery was made by members of a British oil research group which is conducting boring operations in that region, the report said.

Lublin on Reparations Body

Jewish Telegraphic Agency
WASHINGTON—Dr. Isadore Lublin will represent the United States on the Reparations Commission in Moscow, Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius announced. On leave of absence at United States Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Dr. Lublin has been serving as White House aide.

Digest of the Press

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ance value we have lost by our being so obsequious, when a little self-respect and standing on our own terms would have saved us a whole lot of trouble."

Jewish Science As Good As Christian Science

All is not quiet on the religious front. Even Yiddish readers are now troubled by Christian Science. A man wrote in to the Day's B. Z. Goldberg complaining that his wife, suffering from a fatal organic disease, was having a Christian Science practitioner come in every day. This woman read a prayer, and took \$3.00 every 24 hours. He can't stand it, both on ideological and material grounds.

The columnist answers that mental healing is pure superstition when it comes to real organic ailments. It may help nervous and mental diseases. It may even aid a fatal organic disease, when it gives the patient comfort and consolation. But, he emphasizes, why go to Christianity? "Jewish Science," an established cult, is just as good.

Then Zivion, of the Forward, takes issue with a colleague who believes in the Jewish religion. Zivion is not a believer. His complaint against the man is that he does not keep the Orthodox way of life, and is therefore not consistent. Either Tefilin or nothing—that's his advice. This alliance of the agnostic and the extremely Orthodox for purposes of argument, is often met with in debating circles.

What Zivion obviously needs is a good course in Reform or Conservative Judaism. Whether he believes in God or not, he ought to be convinced that thousands of liberal Jews do really believe in Him.

Correction: In a previous column, the statement was made that a prayer for rabbis, to be read before the President left the country, was composed by the Synagogue Council of America. This should have read "Zionist Emergency Council."